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Zevulun Hammer, who was elected yesterday to replace Religious Affairs Minister Yosef Burg as head of the National Religious Party, poses in Tel Aviv with his rival, Moshe Salomon after the first ballot. Hammer won a resounding victory in the second ballot. (Hanoach Guttmann)

Three more French soldiers killed in S. Lebanon UN to meet on Unifil deaths

By MICHEL ZLOTOWSKI and YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
The UN Security Council is to meet today at France's behest, following the killings of three French Unifil soldiers in southern Lebanon early yesterday morning.
Prime Minister Jacques Chirac said the UN and the Lebanese government "without any delay" will have to decide on an arrangement allowing Unifil to carry out its mission efficiently and in acceptable secure conditions.
He declined to specify what France would seek, but President Francois Mitterrand said the forces must be better equipped.
The three soldiers were killed by a bomb detonated by remote-control while they were jogging near the village of Jourwaya, 12 kilometres south of Tyre. Two were killed instantly, and the third died later of his wounds. A fourth was wounded and remained in a state of shock. A fifth soldier in the group escaped harm.
France condemned the "cowardly attack with the utmost vigour" and said it confirmed the need to reassess the peace-keeping mission.

Meanwhile, hundreds of Jawaya's 7,000 inhabitants staged a protest demonstration in the village and sent a delegation to the French base there to "condemn the attack and to express support of Unifil," UN spokesman Timor Goksel said. The villagers stressed they had had nothing to do with the bombing, he added.
A spokesman in the French prime minister's office insisted France would not unilaterally withdraw its 1,400 troops serving in Unifil. The French contingent accounts for nearly a fourth of the 5,800-man force that has attempted to keep the peace in Lebanon for the past eight years.
Unifil, the UN interim force in Lebanon, was set up to police a cease-fire between Israel and Palestinians.
Meanwhile, a high-ranking official close to the French prime minister said that if Unifil has to be "beefed up and allowed to shoot in order to protect themselves, then it is not Unifil anymore." The official wondered what kind of guarantees could be given to Unifil by an almost nonexistent Lebanese government.
"The Unifil issue will be settled at

the latest when Chirac will speak in front of the UN," concluded the official.
Jean-Francois Poncet, foreign affairs minister under former president Valery Giscard d'Estaing, however said yesterday: "France should withdraw from the Unifil trap." By doing so, added Poncet, France will be stronger and less vulnerable, and would be able to act in Lebanon on behalf of populations that traditionally put their confidence in us. Unifil no longer has a mission, a direction, a future. Unifil cannot serve either the cause of peace nor fight in the war imposed on it."
Menahem Horowitz adds:
Prime Minister Peres, on a tour of the Lebanon security zone yesterday, said he opposes the movement of Unifil forces to the Israeli border.
"I wouldn't think there is a real need or necessity to extend the deployment of Unifil forces south of their present lines," he said.
The premier also praised the South Lebanon Army, saying its commander, Major-Gen. Antoine Lahad "is controlling the situation."

Up to five said killed in clashes S. African police thwart funeral march

JOHANNESBURG (AP). - With a huge show of force, police and soldiers thwarted a mass funeral of black riot victims in Soweto yesterday, triggering hours of stone-throwing, fire-bombing, gunfire and tear gas.
The Bureau of Information, the government's main information agency, said it had no reports of injuries or deaths. Unconfirmed accounts quoting Soweto residents said as many as five might have been killed in clashes with security forces.
Witnesses said one woman, chased by youths using whips to prevent workers from going to their jobs in Johannesburg, was killed when she fell in front of a train. They

said a man was injured when he jumped from a train to escape the youths.
Thousands of youths took to the streets to enforce a township-wide work boycott. Confrontations with police broke out at churches, a cemetery, a municipal stadium and on street corners.
"All Soweto has been declared an unrest area," said divisional police commander Brig. Gideon Loubscher.
The work boycott, called to protest police actions, was widely effective. The Independent Labour Monitoring Group said a survey of 100 Johannesburg employers showed that 72 per cent of manufacturing

workers from Soweto and 85 per cent of commercial workers from the township stayed away.
Police using teargas and firing guns in the air outside a stadium blocked a mass funeral for at least 20 Sowetos killed by police in riots last week. Black clergy said they interposed themselves between mourners and security forces, as mourners left the stadium with hands raised in the air.
"The funerals are off indefinitely," said Simeon Nkoane, Anglican bishop for townships east of Johannesburg. But witnesses said some riot victims were buried in ceremonies interrupted by police teargas volleys.

Rabbinate spells out shmitta year do's and don'ts

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter
A month from now, a tractor "that drives itself" will be sowing the fields in the Golan Heights, an innovation enabling farmers in Israel to adapt to the year of *shmitta*, which begins on Rosh Hashana.
But the sabbatical year, the seventh year in which Jews in the Land of Israel are commanded to let their fields lie fallow, concerns not only farmers. Homeowners too must

observe the laws of *shmitta*, according to Rabbi Yehezkel Daum, who is in charge of *shmitta* for the Chief Rabbinate. And the rabbinate has published special booklets for both homeowners and farmers to familiarize them with the subject.
Farmers are able to utilize a rabbinical procedure which allows them to "sell" their land to a non-Jew for the year. But his option is not available to homeowners, Daum stressed. They must observe the *mitzva* in

full.
In fact, the homeowners' booklet indicates, even flat dwellers who share a common garden are affected, and should try to convince their neighbours to fulfil the commandment. Failing this, they should withhold payment for the gardening work, but only, the booklet warns, if they can do so without causing bitterness and strife. At least, it continues, they should indicate to the head of the house committee that their money be earmarked for non-gardening activities, such as cleaning, and if all else fails, they can make a declaration surrendering their share in the common garden.
The basic principle, Daum explained, is that one is permitted to prevent harm to existing plants, but not to encourage new growth. This has specific implications for lawns, herb gardens, ornamental borders and especially for grape vines, to which stricter rules apply. Less stringent are the rules for window boxes, flower pots and hothouses.
In a sense, Daum said, the laws of

shmitta are different from most other areas of observance in Israel, because these laws apply only to the Land of Israel itself and Jews from abroad have not had to deal with them. In almost all other areas of observance, he noted, most people simply follow the practices of their fathers and grandfathers.
Even in Israel, the law does not apply everywhere. Some areas around Ashkelon and Beit She'an are exempt, for example. Some rabbis also exempt parts of the Golan Heights, but Daum, who is the rabbi of Ramat Magshimim in that region, holds that all of the Golan Heights falls under the *shmitta* laws.
The rabbinical procedure exempting farmers from many of the strictures is based upon the premise, formulated by the late chief rabbi Avraham Yitzhak Hacohen Kook, that full observance of this commandment at the present time would constitute a danger to Jewish settlement in Eretz Israel. Those who derive a major part of their income from agriculture are thus allowed to

use the procedure of nominal sale of their land.
But even so, such farmers must take special care. Arrangements are being made to sell (or rather "charge for expenses for") such produce through rabbinical courts. There are also technological arrangements, such as the "tractor that drives itself."
"A man sits on the tractor," Daum says, "but he is there only to stop it at the end of the row. Otherwise, it would simply continue on to Syria."
All settlements, even if they take advantage of this procedure of the Chief Rabbinate, are encouraged at least to set aside "a *shmitta* corner" of one field, which really does lie fallow. But there are several thousand Jews, especially in Jerusalem and Bnei Brak, who do not accept the Chief Rabbinate's arrangement at all.
"The only solution is to use produce raised by Arabs for the entire year," Abed Hayat, a husky oriental

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Taba difficulties may force postponement Summit date touch and go

By YEHUDA LITANI, WOLF BLITZER and MICHEL ZLOTOWSKI
The prospects for next week's Egyptian-Israeli summit plunged sharply yesterday, with both Egyptian and U.S. officials expressing doubt that the meeting would take place on schedule.
Israeli officials remained hopeful that the meeting between Egyptian President Mubarak and Prime Minister Peres would take place as scheduled on September 10-11. (see story below).
But in Paris, Egyptian Premier Ali Lutfi was vague about the date of the summit, saying it could not be scheduled until the Taba arbitration accord is complete.
"We are waiting to finish up with the arbitrators question on Taba," Lutfi told *The Jerusalem Post*. "I think this can be dealt with within a few days. After that we will be able to talk about the expected Mubarak-Peres summit."
In Washington, a State Department official said that next week's summit is "touch and go." He suggested that the meeting might have to be postponed until later in the month or early October.
"I think it eventually will happen," said the official, who only two days ago was confident that

the meeting would take place on schedule. "But there might not be enough time to finish all the arrangements by next week."
The obstacle standing in the way of the long-awaited meeting include both the completion of the Taba arbitration agreement - placement of border markers and selection of arbitrators - and the agenda for the summit.
In Cairo, no progress on the outstanding Taba issues seemed to emerge out of a three-hour meeting yesterday between Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Maguid and U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy.
"We discussed topics related to arbitration in an attempt to resolve existing problems," Abdel-Maguid told reporters after the meeting. He added that Mubarak is scheduled to meet Murphy tomorrow, and that the Taba delegations meanwhile would continue talks with the U.S. envoy.
U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, who also had been considering a trip to the region to spur the negotiating process, apparently will not make the trip, officials in Washington said.
The officials said that Murphy, so far, has not found enough "give" in the various Israeli, Egyptian and Jordanian positions to justify a high-visibility journey by Shultz.
Peres is still to come to Washington on September

15 for talks at the White House with President Reagan. Shultz will participate in that meeting. The White House formally announced the invitation yesterday.
U.S. officials said that Egypt still appears committed to completing the Taba *compromis* agreement. They said that the drafting of the actual land survey around Taba was almost finished. They also suggested that the naming of the three international arbitrators is not an unusually difficult problem.
But what is apparently giving the Egyptians second thoughts about the value of the entire summit is Israel's position on the Palestinian-related aspects of the peace process.
Mubarak, according to the Americans, wants to be able to demonstrate some increased Israeli flexibility, particularly on the question of Palestinian representation in peace negotiations, to justify the summit in the Arab world.
U.S. officials agreed that Egypt, aware of how much the summit means to Peres, may be raising these last-minute obstacles to win greater Israeli concessions.
Murphy is also exploring prospects for a joint peace declaration by Israel, Egypt and Jordan.

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Arafat explicit on 242

Post Middle East Staff and agencies
HARARE. - PLO chairman Yasser Arafat said at the non-aligned nations summit yesterday the PLO supports calls for an international Middle East peace conference based on UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338.
His explicit mention of the resolutions was a departure from previous PLO policy, which had been to refer only to "relevant UN resolutions." Resolution 242 acknowledges the rights of all states in the region to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries.
Speaking to the fourth non-aligned nations summit, Arafat proposed that an international peace conference be held on "the basis of international legality and all UN and Security Council resolutions related to the question of Palestine and the Middle East, including resolutions 242, 338, 465 and 471." He did not explicitly say that the PLO embraces these resolutions.
"The PLO has done all it can to reach a peace settlement as decided by international resolutions," Arafat said. The PLO insists on an international conference with the participation of the five permanent members of the Security Council, as well as all parties to the conflict, including the PLO, he said.
Arafat said the PLO supports proposals made by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in July for a preparatory meeting leading to an international conference. He said a preparatory committee comprising the five permanent Security Council members, "the concerned Arab states," the PLO and Israel, would "study all the prerogatives of the international conference, the conditions of participation in this conference, its agenda and its proceedings."

J'lem confident: 'Next week'

Jerusalem Post Staff
Prime Minister Peres and officials in Jerusalem yesterday expressed confidence that the Egyptian-Israeli summit would take place as scheduled in the second part of next week, despite some outstanding differences on the Taba arbitration.
A senior official in the Prime Minister's Office said the Egyptians had given no indication that they would pull out of the summit. He said the remaining differences could be resolved by early next week.
In Kiryat Shmona, meanwhile, Peres told reporters he believes the summit will take place on time.
"The meeting may indeed take place as scheduled," Peres said. "There are difficulties, but these difficulties can be overcome. The first difficulty is the question of choosing arbitrators, but this matter will be solved. The second difficulty is the area that will be marked on the map. We have reached an absurd situation: the size of one area (in dispute) is three-quarters of a dunam, and the second area, a quarter of a dunam - like the floor of a small room. This is what all the

argument is about."
The premier yesterday received two messages from Egyptian President Mubarak concerning the outstanding issues of the Taba *compromis*. The Egyptians are opposing an Israeli proposal to divide up the disputed area into "polygons" for the purpose of delineating borders.
Officials in Peres's office said yesterday, however, that Cairo had agreed to the Israeli proposal several weeks ago and that if the Egyptians insisted on opposing it, other parts of the *compromis* could be open to renegotiation as well.
The first of two messages sent to Peres by Mubarak yesterday justified Egyptian opposition to the marking of the polygons in Taba. According to Israeli sources the Egyptian president explained that the disagreement on this issue is a genuine one, though technical in its nature.
In his second message, which arrived in the afternoon, the Egyptian president informed Peres that the only condition which has to be filled before the summit meeting is the signing of the *compromis* on Taba.
Egyptian officials said yesterday

in contacts with officials in the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem that there was no reason to talk about a crisis because of the disagreements on the polygons and the lack of success in choosing the three neutral arbitrators.
Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy is scheduled to arrive back in Jerusalem today following his talks with Egyptian officials in Alexandria. Because of the problems on the Taba issue, Murphy has now to devote most of his time in his shuttle diplomacy to hammering out the last details of the *compromis* instead of dealing with the effort to find common ground between Israel, Jordan and Egypt on the next stage in the peace process, which was the original purpose of his visit to the area.
Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche remained last night in Egypt to continue his talks with officials there about the remaining problems on Taba. According to reports on Kimche's talks yesterday there was no progress on this point.

Nyet to more meetings

By MICHEL ZLOTOWSKI
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
PARIS. - The USSR has "no interest" in meeting again with Israeli representatives as long as the only topic they want to discuss is Soviet Jewry, Soviet First Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Yuli Vorontsov said yesterday in Paris.
Speaking at a press conference after a Middle East tour, Vorontsov said that Soviet officials had gone to Helsinki on August 18 only for one reason: "To get Israeli visas for a group of consular specialists who wanted to go to Israel to evaluate

Soviet property there. Instead of visas they got a long speech on the situation of Soviet Jews, and this is a subject that we know better than anyone." Vorontsov added that the Israeli representative refused to deliver the visas.
The two Soviet officials at Helsinki then walked out on the Israelis, asking them to forget the visa request, he said.
According to Vorontsov, Israel's version stating that there would be further contact is only "political theatre."

Team in Warsaw to prepare special interests section

WARSAW (AP). - An Israeli Foreign Ministry official has arrived in Warsaw with a team of specialists to ready the former Israel Embassy building here for its reopening as a consular office.
The building has been closed since Poland joined other Soviet-bloc countries - except Romania - in breaking off diplomatic relations with Israel following the 1967 Six-Day War.
Since then, the building has been looked after by the Dutch Embassy, which handles Israeli interests in Poland.
Last fall, Poland and Israel agreed to set up interest sections in each other's capitals, the lowest level of diplomatic relations.
Yoel Guilatt, director of the Israel Foreign Ministry's equipment and properties division, arrived here late Wednesday to supervise the renovation work and installation of equipment in the building, western diplomatic sources said.
Polish government spokesman said last month that the Israel consular office in Warsaw would open by the end of the year after certain "technical problems" were settled.

Prisoner of Zion Brodsky to leave USSR 'within days'

By LOUIS RAPAPORT
Prisoner of Zion Dr. Vladimir Brodsky, who has served one year of a three-year sentence in a Siberian labour camp, is to be released within days and allowed to leave the Soviet Union with his family, according to a telephone report from his wife in Moscow.
Dina Zisserman Brodsky said the KGB had told her to prepare to leave the USSR before September

14. The Soviets granted her and the couple's young daughter, a visa valid until that date. Brodsky himself will either be brought to his family's apartment in Moscow on the eve of the flight, or be reunited with his wife and child at the airport just before departure for Europe and thence Israel, the KGB told her.
In the last year, Brodsky's case has been taken up by associations of physicians around the world.

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Shimon	40	20-30	29
Tel Aviv	40	23-29	30
B-G Airport	57	22-31	30
Jericho	43	24-36	36
Gaza	69	24-29	29
Beersheba	35	20-34	33
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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Chief of General Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy will speak at the luncheon meeting of the Haifa Maritime and Economics Club at the Zion Hotel at 1 p.m. today. Reservations at 04-529818.

Dr. Rita Suessmuth, German Federal Republic Minister for Youth, Women, Family Affairs and Health, yesterday visited the NCJW Research Institute for Innovation in Education of the Hebrew University, and lunched with Prof. Michael Ottolenghi, Vice President of the Hebrew University. Following the lunch, a seminar was held on the various projects of the Institute. Among the participants were Prof. Zev Klein, director of the School of Education, Prof. Chaim Adler, director of the NCJW Research Institute, and other researchers from the NCJW Institute.

Dov Zakin, at 64

TEL AVIV (Itim). - Dov Zakin, a member of the World Zionist Organization Executive, died apparently of a heart attack yesterday, aged 64. He had been a Mafam member of the Seventh, Eighth and Tenth Knessets and the party's political secretary. His funeral is to take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday at Kibbutz Lehavot Habashan.

Zakin was found dead in his flat in Tel Aviv after he failed to appear for a meeting with Zionist Executive chairman Arye Dutzin. Zakin immigrated to this country from Poland in 1937 under the auspices of Youth Aliya. He attended the Ben Shimon Agricultural School and was a member of Kibbutz Lehavot Habashan in Upper Galilee which he helped found. He was a graduate of the Hebrew University where he studied political science and economics. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, a son and seven grandchildren.

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Egypt has not revealed its attitude to the proposed declaration. Jordan also has given no indication of willingness to sign any such declaration. And the Jordanian newspaper *Al-Rai* said yesterday it was intended to destroy remnants of Arab solidarity.

"It is clear that the peace declaration... means only the destruction of the Arab peace plan and keeping the Palestine Liberation Organization away from the peace process," the newspaper said.

Western diplomats with contacts in Amman say that King Hussein continues to resist U.S. pressure to participate in the Israeli-Egyptian summit meeting because he believes the meeting would be a "mirror repetition" of the Irbid summit between Peres and Morocco's King Hassan II - in which he saw no serious Israeli concessions.

"Without a serious obligation from Israel, the king does not wish to move forward," one diplomat said. Jordan's ambassador to Syria, meanwhile, delivered a message from Hussein to Syrian President Hafez Assad. The king flew to London yesterday for a private, two-week European tour.

Egypt's semi-official *Al-Ahram* newspaper reported that Mubarak and Hussein talked by telephone Wednesday night.

HOME NEWS

Preferential 'Nato-like' army treatment

U.S. doubtful about Israeli request

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. - The Defense Department has "serious problems" with Israel's request to obtain the same military treatment as America's Nato allies, authoritative U.S. officials said yesterday.

They said that approval of the request would create a precedent which other non-Nato members would also want to exploit. This could raise all sorts of political and financial problems for the U.S., they said.

By law, the Nato countries receive preferential treatment in winning U.S. defence contracts and in purchasing U.S. military equipment at reduced costs.

Defence Minister Rabin, Israeli officials said, will press Israel's case for "equal treatment" during his talks at the Pentagon next week. He is due to meet with Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger and other senior officials. (See Rabin interview page five).

They said that Rabin will urge the U.S. government to sell advanced military systems, including fighter aircraft, to Israel at the same price as to the Nato allies.

To encourage the Nato allies to

standardize their weapons systems, the U.S. does not make them pay for the initial "non-recurring" research and development expenditures. Israel and other non-Nato countries, however, must make this outlay.

This means, for example, that Israel has to spend considerably more to purchase F-16s than Greece.

Israel also wants to have the same ability to win U.S. defence contracts as the Nato allies. Until now, Israel has been barred from bidding for certain contracts.

Israel, for instance, can overhaul F-4 Phantom jet fighters at its Bedek facilities. But under current policy Israel cannot overhaul F-15, F-16 or other advanced fighters.

Israel is not seeking admission into Nato or any formal defence alliance with the U.S. What Rabin and other Israeli officials want, however, is virtually the same treatment as the Nato allies get.

U.S. officials suggested yesterday that any such change would require Congress to enact legislation - a lengthy process.

According to informed sources, Israel would stand to gain in other ways from such an elevated status. As an example, they noted that Israel could become eligible to re-

ceive so-called "excess defence items" from the U.S. free of charge. Because they are Nato members, Greece and Turkey occasionally receive certain military systems from the U.S. free of charge. Usually, they are older surplus systems. Israeli officials believe that some of this equipment could be very useful for Israel, such as trucks.

In addition, if Israel were granted this Nato status, it would also become eligible to lease military hardware from the U.S., rather than purchase it outright. "Leasing is critical to the future," a well-informed source said, citing Israel's budget constraints.

Meanwhile, Israel's supporters on Capitol Hill are hoping in the coming weeks to kill or revise three pending amendments which were approved last month before Congress's August recess.

One amendment, sponsored by Sen. John Glenn (Dem.-Ohio) would make it very difficult for foreign countries, including Israel, to win Strategic Defence Initiative research and development contracts. The amendment prohibits foreign contractors for the "Star Wars" project if they could "reasonably be performed" by U.S. firms.

A second amendment, sponsored by Rep. James Traficant (Dem.-Ohio) says that U.S. companies should win American defence contracts even if their bids are as much as 5 per cent higher than competing foreign bids.

The third amendment involves the funding of Voice of America radio transmitters overseas. Israel and the U.S. recently announced agreement on the construction of such transmitters in the Arava. The Reagan administration proposed \$132 million for radio construction projects in Israel, Morocco, Sri Lanka and Belize. A house committee cut that sum to \$32 m. A Senate subcommittee killed the entire programme.

A joint panel will now have to come up with a final amount, which undoubtedly will be considerably less than the original administration request and that could adversely set back the entire radio transmitter construction programme proposed for Israel.

Israeli officials had been told that the VOA project in the Arava could cost as much as \$300 m. over the next four years. But Congress, because of the budget-cutting mood in Washington, is nowhere near appropriating that much.

Murdered soldier's family gets threatening letter

By YORAM GAZIT
For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. - The family of a murdered soldier, Moshe Tamam, received an anonymous letter on Wednesday threatening that their house would be destroyed.

The letter was signed "the FLO" and threatened to take revenge on the Tamam family for "the suggestion to destroy the houses of the heroic warriors from Baka village."

Tamam's body was found in mid-August, 1984 in an olive grove in Samaria.

Four residents of Baka al-Gharbiya have been charged with kidnapping, torturing and murdering Tamam. The four are also charged with membership in a terrorist organization.

Tamam's family has been demanding the destruction of the houses of the murder suspects.

On August 17 Tamam's family, joined by Kach members led by MK Meir Kahane, demonstrated in front of the homes of the accused.

Tamam's mother yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post* that the family would not back down from their demand that the houses of the murderers be destroyed, despite the threats against the family.

She added that the letter said the writers are also holding another "prisoner of war" named David Strikobski from Bat Yam whom they kidnapped a few years ago.

A police spokesman told *The Post* last night that a 14-year-old boy named Strikobski disappeared on a beach several years ago.

NY judge clears Israel of high-tech theft

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. - A New York District Court judge has rejected allegations by an Illinois defence contractor that Israel had attempted to steal its highly-sophisticated technology.

The ruling in Israel's favour noted that the allegations by Recon-Optical Inc. were "without basis and irrelevant." Recon-Optical can appeal the decision.

The company, which manufactures camera surveillance equipment, had accused Israel Air Force personnel of attempting to obtain the technology and to pass it on to an Israeli company.

Israeli officials, in denying any wrongdoing, described the incident as strictly a "commercial dispute."

No adoption accord

BRASILIA (Reuter). - The Foreign Ministry here yesterday denied that an agreement has been signed with Israel concerning the adoption of Brazilian children by Israeli families.

"No such agreement exists," a ministry spokesman said.

Deputy Foreign Minister Ronnie Milo said in Jerusalem on Monday after returning from Brazil that the countries had reached such an agreement.

The Brazilian spokesman said that Milo had an hour-long conversation with the foreign minister, but that the question of adoption had come up only during the last few minutes of their conversation.

Ze'ev Bistrizki, 65

LOD (Itim). - Ze'ev Bistrizki, deputy mayor of Lod and honorary president of the Histadrut Teachers Union, died yesterday morning, aged 65. He was buried in the afternoon.

Agreement reached to create 1,500 more nursing jobs

By JUDY SIEGEL

The Histadrut, the Treasury and the Health Ministry yesterday agreed to create an additional 1,500 hospital nursing jobs, but left open the matter of how many years it would take to reach that goal.

The Finance Ministry resisted demands by the Health Ministry and Haim Haberfeld, the Histadrut's trade union chief, to create the 1,500 positions within three years.

The nurses, who are threatening to abandon the country's hospitals to press for wage and other demands they failed to win during their strike earlier this summer, were not part of the negotiations yesterday. The Histadrut is representing them in talks with the government, and wants to present a comprehensive proposal that includes higher wages, better working conditions, subsidized

transport to and from workplaces and day-care centres for nurses' children.

Health Minister Mordechai Gur said last night that it was inconceivable that the nurses would abandon their posts. "On the battlefield," the former IDF chief of general staff said, "it was unthinkable that a wounded soldier would be left on the battlefield. The nurses should not leave helpless patients alone in the hospital."

Calling on the nurses to avoid a strike as long as negotiations are proceeding, Gur declared that his ministry is acting on their behalf.

Asked whether the ministry was making any preparations in the event of a strike, Gur said it is impossible to do so adequately, "since there is no substitute for nurses."

Knesset to debate pardoned GSS men

Post Knesset Correspondent

The issue of whether the General Security Service (Shin Bet) of senior operatives who received presidential pardons for their roles in the Ashkelon bus hijack affair should remain with the service will be discussed in the Knesset at a special session next Thursday morning.

Yossi Sarid (Citizens Rights Movement), who collected the necessary 20 signatures to summon the Knesset into session during the

summer recess, said the pardons did not change the fact that the operatives thwarted justice and aborted enquiries into the killing of the two captured hijackers.

The signatures came from members of the Alignment, Mapam, CRM and Shinui factions. Health Minister Gur signed the petition as well, but his signature was disqualified by Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel on the grounds that a minister has no right to sponsor a motion for the agenda.

Hammer to replace Burg as NRP minister

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. - A National Religious Party delegation is to meet with retiring Religious Affairs Minister Yosef Burg on Sunday to arrange his replacement by MK Zevulun Hammer, party sources said yesterday.

Hammer was elected yesterday as Burg's successor during the second session of the NRP's national convention. He won by 573 votes to 369 over Moshe Salomon in the runoff ballot.

The NRP would like to install Hammer in the cabinet as early as next Thursday, when the Knesset plenum, which is in summer recess, meets in special session, NRP Secretary-General Yitzhak Levy told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Burg is reportedly hoping to postpone his retirement until the government rotation in early October.

But sources in Hammer's Young Guard faction told *The Post* that the party would appeal directly to Prime Minister Peres if Burg attempted to delay his leaving.

Yesterday's voting marked a nadir in the fortunes of Burg's once-dominant Lamifne faction. Not only did the faction's candidate lose to Hammer, but Rafael Ben-Natan, Burg's closest associate and a figure of legendary power in the party, was defeated in his bid to be elected political secretary.

Ben-Natan lost by 13 votes to Shaul Yabalon, a leading member of the Young Guard, the post of secretary of Hapoel Hamizrachi, was won by former MK Eliezer Avtzi, nominally associated with Lamifne

but answering to the religious movement.

In the first round of voting Burg's successor, Hammer won 259 votes to Salomon's 259. MK Avner Shiki won 223 votes, while Moshe Moskowitz, a representative of the Matzad faction, pulled in 147. The fifth candidate, Yosef Bagad, received six votes.

Most of the Matzad votes are believed to have gone to Hammer in the second round, while Shiki's support split evenly between Hammer and Salomon.

Salomon's prospects in the second round could not have been helped by a disastrous appearance before Matzad delegates while voting was in progress. With more passion than persuasiveness, he defended himself against "slanders" that he was both "too orthodox" and "too leftist" charges arising out of the religious affiliation of members of his family (his son has not served in the army and his failure in the past to publicly identify with the settlement movement).

Hammer, on the other hand, received an emotional reception from the Matzad members for his expression of support for settlement in the territories.

Party policy is likely to move further towards the nationalist right. The defeat of the moderates, such as Ben-Natan and Avraham Melamed, and the pro-settlement and anti-Labour Party statements demanded of the candidates indicated this trend. Matzad, which only recently returned to the fold, appears to have achieved the balance of power.

Gush Emunim holds prayer meeting in Jericho

By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

JERICHO. - Gush Emunim members held a prayer meeting yesterday at the site of the ancient synagogue in Jericho and pledged to return regularly until a permanent settlement is established there.

Soldiers stood guard while Hebrew Rabbi Moshe Levinger led a few dozen members of Gush Emunim and the Tebiya Party's Jericho settlement group in prayers near a mosaic floor, a remnant of the synagogue built in the 6th century CE.

A handful of Kach Party members joined the settler group. After hearing a lecture on the history of the synagogue, the group toured other Jewish historical sites in and around Jericho.

Gush Emunim leader Daniella Weiss said the prayer meeting was held in response to recent moves toward Middle East peace negotiations.

"Jericho is a gateway to Israel and we want to quash the notion of anyone entering this country in sovereignty except the Jews."

Gush Emunim spokesman Negev Arnon said the meeting had proved it is "impossible" to prevent Jews from praying at the site.

A senior IDF officer said the army had not booked the meeting, since the site was open to the public and to any group that wished to pray there. He said a Gush Emunim attempt to reach the site last month had been banned because activists had said they would hold a demonstration and had later tried to reach the site despite the prohibition.

Kitchen-hand charged with employer's murder

Adnan ben Mussa Sheldala, 22, of Kfar Sa'ir, near Hebron, was charged yesterday in the Jerusalem District Court with the murder last month of David Nehemia, the owner of the Hadara restaurant on Rehov Yirmiyahu in Jerusalem.

Sheldala, a kitchen-hand in the restaurant, stabbed his employer in the chest after being fired after a week's work.

The district court is to decide today whether to detain Sheldala until the end of his trial. (Itim).

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DOV ZAKIN

Head of the World Department of Development and Services in the World Zionist Organization

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The staff of the Jewish Agency deeply mourns

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The funeral will take place today, Friday, September 5, 1986, at 12:30 p.m. at Holon Cemetery.

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Who was telling the truth - Shamir or Shalom?

Harish's 'difficult decision' on Shin Bet

By BARBARA AMOUYAL
Attorney-General Yosef Harish says he will face a "difficult decision" once the investigative material on the 1984 bus-hijacking affair is brought to his attention, possible as early as next week.

Harish, who bears the brunt of a dead-end police probe into the killings of the two terrorists captured following the hijacking, will have to decide between conflicting testimonies given by Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir and outgoing General Security Service (Shin Bet) chief Avraham Shalom.

"I suppose in the end I'll have a very difficult decision to make," Harish told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Shamir's questioning by Police Inspector-General David Kraus on the Shin Bet affair earlier this week was finally confirmed by a source close to Shamir. According to the source, Shamir has insisted he did not know about the killings of the two terrorists captured alive in Dir el-Balah or the ensuing cover-up until former deputy Shin Bet chief Reuven Hazak complained to Prime Minister Peres last October.

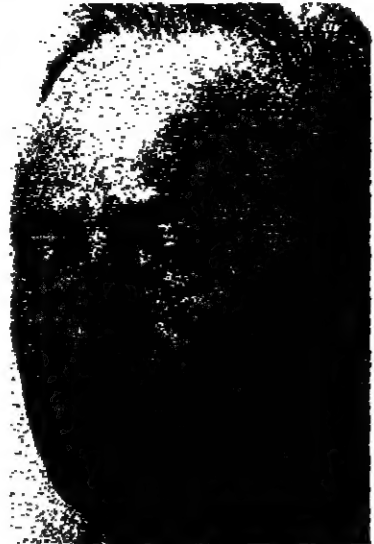
The source said: "The truth, as I know it, is that Shalom told Shamir

on Sunday, April 15, that the two terrorists were given to the Shin Bet like "sacks of potatoes" - that was Shalom's expression. They were badly beaten and almost dead. Shalom told Shamir that one died as soon as the Shin Bet took possession and the other died on the way to the hospital.

"Until that Sunday, Shamir had no direct conversations with Shalom. At the time of the hijacking, (on April 12), he was in Tel Aviv at the Merut convention and knew he could rely on Shalom, (former defence minister Moshe) Arens and (Chief of General Staff Moshe) Levy who were at the scene."

Sources close to the Vice Premier said Shamir told Arens, military aide-camp Azriel Nevo and cabinet secretary Dan Meridor of the private "four eyes" conversation of that Sunday. "As far as I know, there was only one private conversation between Shamir and Shalom about the hijacking affair. This conversation, according to accepted norms, was not recorded in any way," said one of the sources.

Shalom, however, was equally emphatic when he insisted last week to police investigators that Shamir did know and approve of the killings



(Rahamin Israeli)

and was party to the Shin Bet's tampering with evidence and suborning of witnesses before the Zorea and Blattman commissions of inquiry, as well as before a Shin Bet disciplinary court.

Shalom has reportedly told several Shin Bet colleagues, as well as police investigators, that all offences were committed with Shamir's "general, and later on explicit, per-

mission and authority."

Sources close to Shamir insisted that Shamir was kept in the dark throughout the various commissions of inquiry. "I am certain that Shamir had nothing to do with the cover-up. He never had any direct contact with Shin Bet legal executives and simply accepted Avram's (Shalom's) word that the matter was being dealt with," said one source.

The sources said Shalom made one serious mistake and, instead of admitting to the mistake, decided to cover it up at all costs. "The more he tried to cover up this initial mistake by exerting his authority over the entire service, the more he sank deeper into the lies," a source close to Shamir told *The Post*.

A police source told *The Post* yesterday that testimony from Hazak and two pardoned Shin Bet officers implicating Shamir was mere "hearsay." "These men simply told investigators what they were told by their boss," said the source.

A former high-level police investigator said yesterday that police may have "no choice" but to suggest polygraph testing for Shamir and Shalom to resolve their conflicting testimony.

"Apparently what you have here

is the word of Shamir against the word of Shalom without any protocol or substantiating evidence. As both of these men are powerful, credible, influential figures, it would be extremely hard for any investigator - or the attorney-general - to decide who is telling the truth," said the former top investigator.

Harish said yesterday that he has not contemplated the use of the polygraph, nor has any authoritative police source suggested its use. Sources close to Shamir quoted U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz's recent reaction when asked by President Reagan to take the polygraph: "The day I take that damn embarrassing test is the day I leave the government."

A source close to the attorney-general said yesterday that the Shin Bet probe should be completed and ready for Harish's inspection as early as next week. The source said that it was "highly unlikely" that the attorney-general would recommend prosecuting individuals who have not yet been pardoned. "The whole affair will probably end right here in this office," said the source, "unless, of course, the government decides to call for another commission of inquiry."

Stone Age settlement gives way to widened road

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter
KIRYAT SHMONA - Nine thousand years of history were buried under a pile of earth and rubble on Wednesday - in the interests of road safety.

It was a poignant moment for archaeologists and their assistants who had spent the past five months patiently unearthing the secrets that had lain hidden in the ground for so many years.

Had it not been for the road-widening works, the ancient settlement alongside the Rosh Pina-Kiryat Shmona highway may have remained undisturbed for generations to come.

The site, known as Tel Teo, was discovered two years ago by Yossi Stapanian, the regional inspector for the Education Ministry's Department of Antiquities, while he was surveying the ground where the widened road would run.

The road contractors and the Housing Ministry's Public Works Department agreed to let the archaeologists investigate. The PWD even put up the money to finance the dig.

The department's gesture was rewarded with the discovery of a settlement dating back to the 7th millennium BCE. The site was mysteriously abandoned during the early Canaanite period, around 3500 BCE.

The excavations, directed by Antiquities Department field archaeologist Emmanuel Eisenberg, have yielded a wealth of information about the life and times of stone age man and his descendants in the region.

The settlement was established close to a spring, now a large pond, at the foothills of the eastern mountains that lead down to the Hula Valley.

The site, some six kilometres south of Kiryat Shmona, is in a small wadi and there is evidence that the settlement was flooded on several occasions throughout its history. Eisenberg estimates that at its peak, the village covered an area of 20 to 30 dunams.

The fact that the settlement was abandoned during the middle of the 3rd millennium BCE proved a boon to the archaeologists. They did not have to dig through intervening levels and

were thus able to reach bedrock in what in archaeological terms was record time.

They did discover 13 levels of habitation on what appears to have been a fairly continuous basis. The earliest level dates to the pre-pottery neolithic period, about 7000 BCE.

From this period the excavators unearthed the remains of two Stone Age houses. The buildings had stone foundations and floors of yellow plaster. Eisenberg said the walls would have been made of mud bricks with a thatched roof.

They also discovered a quantity of flint tools, including sickle blades and arrowheads, and bone implements. The latter were probably used for stitching the leather hides worn at that time.

"The inhabitants at this time probably lived by hunting the wild boar, goats and possibly wild cattle in the area," said Eisenberg.

The sickles indicated that they supplemented their diet with some form of crops, but, he added, there was no evidence of planned agriculture.

Perhaps the most impressive finds were from the 5th millennium. Eisen-

berg and his assistant, Shelley Sadeh of Tel Aviv University, discovered three grain silos in addition to more sickle blades, indicating a gradual shift to agriculture.

The archaeologists, aided by Druse workmen from the Golan Heights, found other signs of higher culture and even trade.

Evidence of the former was in the form of a crude figurine, comprising a limestone pebble, on which the stylized form of a woman had been incised, and early types of pottery.

In five large pots they found the skeletons of babies, curled up as if still in their mother's womb. Two other infant skeletons and one of an older child with the top part of the skull missing, were also discovered.

"It was the custom of the people at this time to bury their dead under the floors or to encase them in the walls of buildings," said Eisenberg.

"This practice and the positioning of the skeletons shows a protective attitude towards the dead - indicating some form of religious belief or even a conception of life after death," he added.

Evidence that trade was practised in those far-off days some 7,000

years ago was the discovery of a piece of volcanic obsidian glass hitherto found only in Turkey. The glass was used for cutting and shaping tools. How it got to the primitive village thousands of kilometres away is another of the mysteries posed by the excavations.

During the Chalcolithic period (c.4000 to 3200 BCE), the inhabitants of the village apparently became reliant almost entirely on farming.

"From the evidence of the site, the people who lived here at the time had an advanced culture. They certainly knew how to build and store food from their harvests," said Eisenberg.

"The settlement was not fortified, presumably because the inhabitants had no enemies," he said.

During the early part of the Bronze Age the inhabitants changed their style of architecture from rectangular to oval buildings. Apart from these remains and a few pottery vessels, however, nothing else was found from this period.

Sometime later the settlement was abandoned and remained deserted until the Middle Ages.

Working girls on the road to Tel Baruch

There's a nightly traffic jam on the sand-strewn asphalt road that leads to the Tel Baruch beach, where in a sprawling cafe built on the dunes the smell of grilled fish and the rhythm of the waves accompany occasional sing-alongs of Palmah songs.

But although the cafe is usually packed until 1 a.m., the traffic gathers for something else.

The traffic is drawn by the bare midriffs and exposed legs, open blouses and half-opened wrap-around skirts of women who appear and disappear in the shifting headlights that move over the dunes and scrub between the road to Haifa and the beach north of Sde Dov Airport.

The girls are like the girls on Dizengoff. Some are attractive and some are not. Some are tall and some are short and some are skinny and some are fat.

They call themselves working girls. And everybody else is called respectable.

The trip from Rehov Hayarkon, which was once the red-light district of Tel Aviv, to the dunes of Tel Baruch, began when the seaside promenade brought respectable people to Rehov Hayarkon at night, and respectable people always want the police to move working girls away from where the respectable people go.

So the girls moved north, along Rehov Ben-Yehuda toward Yordei Hasira, the old Tel Aviv port at the

northern end of Dizengoff, where an entertainment district of blintze restaurants and bars, night clubs and Chinese eateries grew up in the 1970s.

But there, too, respectable people congregated in the evening. And so the ladies again moved north, over the Yarkon River bridge to a construction site alongside the road that goes right past the penthouse neighbourhood of Neve Avivim.

The respectable people in Neve Avivim weren't happy about looking down from their rooftop patios into the backseat bedrooms of big American cars and small Suzukis, Peugeot pickups and late model Volkswagens. So the girls eventually found their places farther west, across the highway in the Tel Baruch dunes.

The traffic at 2:30 a.m. in Tel Baruch includes a tow truck stationed to pull cars that get stuck in the sand either because the driver runs off the road in amazement at the scene or because the driver is part of the scene and gets stuck while following the girl's instructions to a secluded place.

Some nights, a Border Patrol jeep parks off the road, and the four men inside keep an eye on things, because sometimes the traffic gets out of hand. And there have been nasty scenes.

The working girls - according to the police there are about 100 streetwalkers in Tel Aviv, though on most

nights only about 30 work the dunes - organized their own cafe, because respectable people go to the cafe on the beach and respectable people don't want to sit around big round tables singing Palmah songs while working girls discuss customers at the next table.

Their cafe is an old ice-cream truck, and its light combines with the only street lamp in the area to create the illumination that shows that a tall

girl in a white dress is not wearing anything underneath the dress, which anyway is open enough to bare much of her bust.

She drinks coffee from a styrofoam cup, bought at the mobile canteen, and looks back frankly at the men in the cars that slowly drive by. When she bends over to look in the passenger's window to tell a driver how much it costs, she gives her coffee cup to her friend, who is dressed in a pair of red pants slit along the seams so that they fit like an Indian warrior's loincloth.

When the girl in white comes back in 15 minutes, her friend will have a fresh cup of coffee ready.

One of the working girls found

Mala Malevsky's body beside one of the odd roads through the dunes. She testified in the Hava Ya'ari and Aviva Granot trial about what she did after she saw the body: "I went to the office."

The "office" is the little kiosk, which does not serve liquor and is run by two small T-shirted gentlemen who keep up a light patter of commentary about the passing cars.

The police occasionally do a roundup, but there are no neighbors complaining about the traffic or the commerce going on after 2 a.m. so the police act only when it's a slow night or something unusually ugly happens there and it gets into the paper and upsets somebody in the city council.

The girls, about half of whom are men dressed to look like girls, say that there are some very respectable people who take late night drives into Tel Baruch.

They say that "professional ethics" prevent them from naming names, but the police confirm that on occasion, during roundups some very respectable people have been embarrassed and then allowed to speed home.

The girls don't like voyeurs, and when a cruising driver of an old jalopy appears unlikely to have the NIS 50 to NIS 100 necessary to take a girl for a spin, some of the girls get angry and throw sand at the car.

Some girls get to work at 7 p.m.,

just in time to get the customers on their way home from work.

Friday and Saturday nights, say the girls, are busy times, but midweek is better, because on the weekends the married men, who are the main customers have to go out with their wives.

On the weekends there are a lot of young soldiers home for the weekend, and in their parents' cars after a few drinks downtown, they cruise up and down the narrow lanes amidst the dunes, counting their money and considering the girls.

In midweek, say the girls, respectable husbands wait until their respectable wives have gone to sleep after the last TV show of the night, and then the husbands go slowly cruising along the sandstrewn asphalt of Tel Baruch.

By 4:30 a.m., the dunes are empty, and the traffic jam is over.

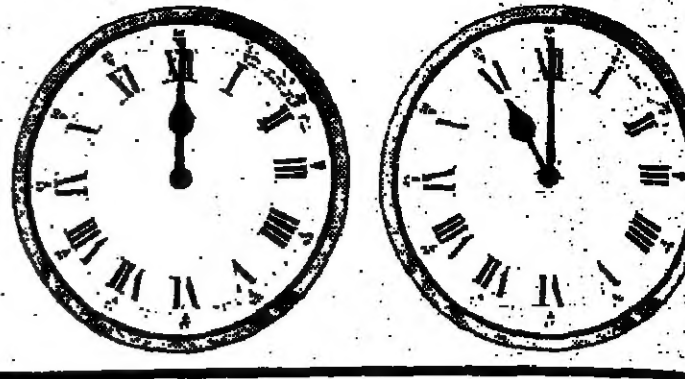
Some of the girls get rides home with last customers. Others have pimps, boyfriends, husbands, or girlfriends who pick them up. Some own their own cars, others make appointments with a cab driver.

There's an early morning cafe near Mograbi Square which served the girls when they worked Rehov Hayarkon, and some still go there after work for a drink.

But by the time the first bus of the day carrying sleepy workers travels down Ben-Yehuda, the girls are gone.

Summer time is over...

Move clocks back one hour at midnight tomorrow



By BERNARD JOSEPHS, *Jerusalem Post Reporter*

For weeks to come the weather will still be sunny, beaches will be packed with sunbathers, and ice-cream salesmen will continue to do a busy trade.

But officially the sunny season will be over from tomorrow at midnight, when clocks throughout the country will be turned back an hour, marking the end of daylight saving time.

The controversy over summer time, however, has been renewed, as each side produces experts and post-mortem assessments fueling their viewpoints.

At the Interior Ministry, where Minister Yitzhak Peretz fought a rearguard action last winter in a failed bid to prevent the clocks going forward, opponents of summer time were keeping their powder dry for the struggle ahead.

Peretz had protested at the time that summer time would encourage Sabbath desecration, compel the Orthodox to rise too early for morning prayers and damage the nation's health.

But yesterday, the ministry's acting director-general Ya'acov Markovitch would say only that contrary to its protagonists' claims, daylight saving had not reduced the number of road accidents. The summer slaughter on the roads had shown that.

As for next summer, Markovitch did not know whether Peretz would again refuse to enforce summer time as he did this year, only to be overruled by the cabinet.

But he confirmed that the minister had appointed a committee headed by an Orthodox Hebrew University professor, Ze'ev Lev, to report on the effects of putting the clocks forward.

Others on the team are Prof. Yosef Bashi, head scientist of the Education Ministry, Prof. David Danon, head scientist of the Health Ministry, Yehoshafat Harel, planning chief at the Labour Ministry and David Katz, head of the Treasury's manpower planning department.

Over at the Energy Ministry officials were delighted at early figures showing that summer time had saved more than \$3 million in the nation's electricity bill.

They too had set up a team of experts to assess the effects of daylight saving and were convinced its findings, due to appear at the end of September, will prove it worthwhile.

The Energy Ministry committee is led by David Uzan, head of the ministry's energy saving section, and includes representatives of the Industrialists Association and the Israel Electric Corporation.

Energy Ministry Director-General Natan Arad declared there is no question that summer time has been a success. He added that ideally he would like to see double summer time introduced in June and July when the days are longest.

"It is a simple matter of substituting artificial energy, which is expensive to produce, with natural energy which costs nothing," Arad noted. "By putting the clocks forward we reduce the use of air-conditioning, street lighting, fans and other electrical devices of similar function."

"There's a good example right here in my office. Instead of turning on the air-conditioning at 8 a.m. I put it on at 9 a.m."

"Our policy is to work out ways of being more efficient. And every means of saving is used to its utmost. There is no doubt that summer time has proved to be the best and cheapest way of saving energy, so we are ready to fight to keep it."

The figures speak for themselves, insisted Arad. This year's daylight saving had saved nearly one per cent of total electricity consumption, worth around \$3.2m.

Easier for penitents?

Jerusalem Post Reporter

In keeping with the premise that summer time interferes with the schedule of those Sephardim who say *Slihot* (nightly penitential prayers), the country is reverting to standard time this weekend. Nevertheless, aside to the two chief rabbis say that summer time in no way interferes with the night-time devotions.

In contrast to Ashkenazim, who recite *Slihot* only on the Saturday night before Rosh Hashana, many Sephardim recite it for the entire month of Elul, which began yesterday. In traditional neighbourhoods, synagogue headlamps go from house to house, knocking on doors to wake the residents for the prayers.

Often, it is customary to say *Slihot* shortly before dawn and then to study until it is light enough to recite the morning prayers. Critics of summer time have argued that moving the clock back makes it more difficult for such Sephardim to recite both the *Slihot* and morning prayers before going to work.

Rabbi Yedidya Atlas, an aide to Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapiro, nonetheless said he saw no problem and conferred with Rabbi Eli Ben-Dahan, an assistant to Sephardic Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu. Ben-Dahan also said there was no problem.

"There is no inherent logic suggesting the problem of summer time is related to the saying of *slihot* in the month of Elul," Atlas told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Meanwhile, as the traditional month of introspection and penitence began yesterday, thousands of Jews made pilgrimages to the tombs of Rachel outside Bethlehem and Shimon Ben-Zakcai in Meron.

SHMITTA

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Jew who runs a bustling vegetable stand in the ultra-Orthodox quarter of Mea She'arim, told *The Jerusalem Post*. He estimated that as a result of this, prices for his customers would go up by 30 to 50 per cent.

Hayat admitted that in past *shmita* years there were scandals when Arabs were found to have bought up Jewish produce and then sold it as their own. "You have to send a *mashegiach* (rabbinical supervisor) out to the fields," he said.

A few Jewish settlements, especially those belonging to the Poalei Agudat Yisrael movement, will be observing the commandment in its entirety. Kibbutz Hafez Haim, for example recently installed a large water recreation park (with separate facilities for men and women) to raise income which will compensate for losses through its rigorous *shmita* observance.

For those who wish to study the rulings of the Chief Rabbinate, the booklets are available at a nominal cost from the Chief Rabbinate's office and through synagogues and religious councils. An English version of the booklet for home owners is in preparation and due to appear within a few weeks.

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Rabin seeks 'equal treatment' in U.S.

Israel deserves same status as Greece, Turkey, 'and I intend to argue the point'

ON THE EVE of his visit to Washington, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin told three *Jerusalem Post* correspondents about the talks he will be having with U.S. administration leaders about military aid requests for the next two years, strategic cooperation, and Israel's interest in researching an anti-missile project under the "Star Wars" programme. Rabin told Defence Correspondent Hersh Goodman, Asher Wallfish (Knesset), and Roy Isaacowitz (Political) that there will be absolutely no change in the national unity government's settlement programme for Judea and Samaria without mutual consent, when Likud leader Yitzhak Shamir takes over from Shimon Peres as prime minister next month.

THE DEFENCE minister said it had always been reasonable to assume that the national unity government would last until the rotation, and he himself would not be surprised if it lasted until the Knesset elections in 1988.

Rabin, who is leaving for the U.S. on Sunday, believes that the Pollard affair and other assorted scandals at the Likud have rocked Israeli-American relations in recent months, are behind us.

Pollard, the American naval intelligence analyst charged with spying for Israel, he said, is due to be sentenced on October 3, "probably after hopefully closing the book on the affair." The other incidents — the cluster bombs, the arms embargo, "have all fizzled out and are no longer a public issue."

With regard to Avraham Baram, the reserve brigadier-general arrested in Bermuda and extradited to the U.S. several months ago, he said caustically, "The chances of Israel having allowed him to sell Israeli weapons to Iranians are about as good as my chances of selling the Empire State Building."

Questioned on the Lavi issue the defence minister said:

"At present, we are proceeding with the development and production of the fighter in accordance with the decision of the Israeli cabinet. Opposition to the Lavi remains confined, as it has always been, in the entourage, where the feeling is that the Lavi is not the best use of American funds for Israel's defence. We disagree, but we have to take the entourage's position into account."

"We see the Lavi as an economic-technological-military project essential to Israel's overall military infrastructure at all levels and not just as a weapons system, and that difference of perception is at the heart of the issue."

"The Pentagon demanded, and we agreed, that we look at alterna-

tives. We agreed on the understanding that an alternative concerns all levels of the Lavi programme — economic, industrial, scientific — and not just another plane. Furthermore, those looking into an alternative are going to have to take into account what shutting down the Lavi programme will cost in penalties on cancelled contracts, as well as ensure that their answer is operationally consistent with what the air force requires, and will be supplied on time."

"Since the Pentagon accepted our wider view of what constitutes an alternative as their terms of reference in seeking one, we were happy to cooperate in finding one. They asked for four months. We agreed, so let's wait and see what happens."

"Meanwhile, the Pentagon has unfrozen the five contracts they were holding up, and work on the Lavi continues. I do not see the Lavi being an issue on this trip," he concluded.

AT THE HEART of the defence minister's agenda will be, not surprisingly, future American defence aid to Israel. He intends to wrap up final details on the 1987 package and start negotiations on the 1988 package with administration officials and key congressional forums.

"President Reagan has to place his 1988 aid requests before Congress by February, so we have to start explaining our case now," he pointed out. "I don't see any major problems with the administration. The president has already requested the [agreed-on] \$3 billion in military and economic aid. I do, however, see problems in Congress, albeit slight ones, and we are going to have to pay particular attention to the cumulative impact of the Gramm-Rudman amendment, which has already cost us \$78.4 million this year, and see what this will mean in 1987."

"Another priority on my agenda

will be to achieve an 'equal treatment' status for Israel that will place us on the same footing as Greece and Turkey vis-a-vis the U.S. This does not mean the 'Natoization' of Israel, but rather granting Israel a special status — like that enjoyed by New Zealand and Australia — without a formal defence pact like the one that binds the Nato countries.

"If we had 'equal treatment' status now," he explained, "the 75 F-16 fighters currently being supplied to the Israel Air Force would have cost us \$2m. less each, or a total saving of \$150m., since 'equal treatment' countries are not required to pay the non-recurring research and development costs on weapons purchased from the U.S."

"We think that the levels of strategic cooperation that have been reached between Israel and the U.S., in terms of both training and intelligence sharing, should give us at least the same status as Greece, and I intend to argue the point."

THE INTERVIEW then shifted to other aspects of U.S.-Israeli relations.

What is the *raison d'être* for this country's increasing strategic cooperation with the U.S.? Why is Israel so willing to get involved in scientific research in connection with America's Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI), popularly known as the Star Wars programme?

Israel's decision on strategic cooperation with the U.S. in its present form, was taken three years ago [under the Likud-led government of the day]. The main purpose of that cooperation is to build an infrastructure between the armies of the two countries, covering the functioning of headquarters staffs and operational exercises.

If one day the political echelons should decide that the two countries have a common interest in carrying out some joint military operation in a sphere vital to Israel's security, it will be possible to translate that political decision into practical action. The technical apparatus would be ready and waiting. The two armies would have got to know each other beforehand.

Today, of course, no political decision exists about joint military operations, nor is there even any decision about the sort of circumstances in which such joint military operations would be conducted. But pre-



parations are being made, just in case...

It must be emphasized that there is absolutely no connection whatsoever between strategic cooperation and research for SDI. Israel and the U.S. could carry out strategic cooperation with or without Israeli research into SDI. The SDI is a U.S. programme, mainly defensive in character. Israel would like to be a partner in certain fields of SDI research which have important implications for its own security.

We are extremely interested, for example, in the prospect of developing an anti-missile missile of short to medium range, 300 to 600 kilometres.

An important consideration for Israel in any such research is the know-how, and above all the cost. The Europeans are also interested in that part of the SDI programme related to short- and medium-range anti-missile missiles. Soviet-made ground-to-ground missiles threaten Europe at the present time, although at a somewhat longer range than they threaten Israel.

The SS-21 ground-to-ground missile in operation today has a range of 390km. The older Scud missile has a range of 120km.

But what if the Soviet-made SS-23 missile with its range of 590km. should arrive in the Middle East?

The minimal objective we would hope to attain from our role in the SDI would be at least to become conversant with the technologies required to cope with anti-missile missiles. It's not just a matter of re-

search to promote American interests, but also to contribute to our own security.

During the Yom Kippur War all Syria had was the Frog ground-to-ground missile, with a 70km. range. After the Yom Kippur War, it got Scud missiles. After the Peace for Galilee operation, Syria got the SS-21. We now know that they are demanding the SS-23 from the Soviet Union. But we have no information that Moscow has actually approved the shipments.

We have to look five to 10 years ahead, whatever the case. After all, we're not talking about tomorrow morning; we're talking about research. I would not like to do anything to exclude from Israel's potential the possibility of developing an answer to a 600km-range ground-to-ground missile which poses a threat to our territory.

What does the U.S. want Israel to say and do in order to draw Jordan closer to the peace process?

When U.S. Vice-President George Bush came to Jerusalem following the rift between King Hussein of Jordan and Yasser Arafat, we told him that Israel is ready without any pre-conditions to negotiate with a joint delegation of Jordanian and Palestinian representatives.

We are willing to conduct such negotiations under the aegis of some international forum or international accompaniment, as long as the external aegis does not dictate the nature and outcome of the negotiations.

The actual talks between us and

the joint Jordan-Palestine delegation would have to be both direct and bilateral. We would also negotiate with any other states which have diplomatic relations with Israel.

In the meantime, we see that Jordan is seeking to reinforce the moderate Palestinian Arabs in the areas, as well as the pro-Jordanian elements. We, too, want to strengthen the anti-PLO forces. We seek to weaken those elements which back the PLO.

We have to emphasize that terror is the main hindrance to peace, apart from the actual damage it does to Israel and to the Palestinian Arabs alike. In order to comprehend that, just consider the fate of those Palestinian Arabs who dare to speak their minds.

We have to exert the maximum effort to ensure that Arabs in the territories can say what they feel, without being intimidated by fear of the bomb or the bullet.

Does anybody in Israel, Egypt or the U.S. still believe in autonomy for the Palestinian Arabs in the territories?

At Camp David, Israel and Egypt signed a commitment pledging themselves to work for autonomy. The U.S. formally witnessed that commitment. Israel is still committed to autonomy. It is still ready to work for autonomy, for peace; or for autonomy as a stage on the road to peace, if you will.

I do not know whether or not we have partners with whom we can negotiate autonomy. I do know that we are obligated to look for such partners.

South Africa has become a central issue in the U.S., and Israel is perceived, whether rightly or wrongly, as a prime supporter of apartheid. How will you answer that criticism?

Israel's policy is to maintain relations with every country in the world. Even when the Soviet Union was persecuting Jews, Israel did not break off relations. Even when there was, and still is, apartheid in the Soviet Union, it was not Israel but Moscow that broke off relations.

Secondly, Israel takes an unequivocal stand against racism, and apartheid is one of the worst manifestations of racism.

Thirdly, Israel acts in accordance with the 1977 UN resolution on the matter of arms to South Africa. More than that I don't want to say.

Who will be responsible for settlement after the rotation and do you anticipate a change in policy?

UNTIL TODAY, it has been decided to establish six new settlements — four of which have already been established. And every new settlement, including those which have already been decided on, needs the decision of the government or the inner cabinet, or agreement between the two main political blocs.

That is the situation today, and that will be the situation after rotation. The responsibility won't change. And it's not a question of personality. No one can take the authority from me, because the defence minister is responsible for the territories, just as no one can take their responsibilities away from the agriculture and housing ministers. The decisions on new settlements will be taken by the government, not by minister X or Y.

The Labour Party is used to government and it is also used to being in opposition. But it is not used to being number two in the government. How will it cope?

We signed an agreement two years ago, and we knew there would be rotation. It is not something unexpected. I, for instance, thought it probable that we would get to rotation.

Now it has arrived, it is clear that it is easier to implement the Labour Party platform with Peres as prime minister. But anyone who thought we could do things in a Shamir government that are not agreed to by both parties, and are not on the basis of the coalition agreement, was wrong.

You said that in 1984 you anticipated that the rotation would take place. Now, in 1986, do you anticipate that the government will last and that there will be elections, as planned, in 1988?

Formally, yes.

And informally?

I would not be surprised if that's the way it is.

Life after rotation

Fears of more settlements fuelled by nervousness — Arens

Asher Wallfish / Post Knesset Correspondent

DESPITE THE rumblings in some Likud circles, predicting an upsurge of new settlement in Judea and Samaria after Yitzhak Shamir takes over from Shimon Peres as prime minister next month, Shamir's close colleague Minister without Portfolio Moshe Arens is sure that the settlement policy of the national unity government will not change.

Arens, whose most senior post was minister of defence in the last Likud government, and who is tipped as the most likely compromise candidate to succeed Shamir as Likud boss, does not appear to understand the fuss in the media about the level of settlement in the areas.

"I would describe the reports and counter-reports as 'noise in the system,'" he said, giving a technological simile, as befits a senior professor of aeronautical engineering.

"After all, D-Day is coming closer, rotation day, and some people may be gripped by nervousness. But that's all. The basic policy guidelines on settlement were agreed upon for the entire life of the national unity government. Between Peres's premiership and Shamir's premiership, there may be a difference of style and emphasis, but not a difference of substance. The precise number of new settlements was fixed, and it was agreed that existing settlements

could be strengthened and expanded. Money is short for settlement work as it is for many other spheres of government activity. I can assure you that Yitzhak Shamir, as prime minister, will carry out the basic policy guidelines on settlement scrupulously. So will the Likud as a whole."

"The basic policy guidelines of the national unity coalition agreed upon in 1984 said that during the coalition's first year, six new settlements would be set up in the areas. During the entire four years, it said, the government would carry out the decisions of its predecessors, not yet implemented, for the establishment of 27 new settlements in the areas, which include the six slated for the first year. The dates of establishment would be fixed by cabinet decision, the guidelines said.

Without being certain, Arens concedes it may be true that some reports about Likud plans to boost settlement come from Tehiya party sympathizers.

"Tehiya may be chiding the Likud for not being sufficiently Likud, in a manner of speaking. They do so in the hope of winning over potential Likud voters. But essentially Tehiya has the same aims and principles as the Likud, from which it broke away because of the Camp David accords. I, too, voted against the accords but



Moshe Arens (David Rabinger)

felt no need to leave the Likud," he said.

"Tehiya is really a dinosaur, a creature from a bygone age. Today Tehiya is out of date," Arens said.

Asked about the efforts to get Jordan's King Hussein and senior U.S. statesmen involved in the diplomatic activity around the projected summit between Peres and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Arens said he would describe the developments as "a flutter of activity" and no more. As far as he was aware, the activity was all initiated by Peres, and not by the U.S. Administration.

"I have no information on what Peres is trying to do. Perhaps he wants to bring his two-year term as

prime minister to a close, by going out in a blaze of glory. Although I'm a member of the inner cabinet I only know what's printed in the papers, though we may still get a briefing later in the week," he said.

"Of course I'm anxious to know what's going on because vitally important issues are at stake. Meanwhile, I assume that Peres has not deviated by one iota, from what the basic policy guidelines permit."

ARENS stressed that under Israel's constitutional system, policy decisions have to be taken by majority vote, either in the full cabinet or the inner cabinet.

"An Israeli prime minister is not free to make his own policy. Whether or not Israel attends an international conference is a subject to be determined by the cabinet. The cabinet has taken no such decision," Arens said. "The Likud opposes participation in any international conference attended by the Soviet Union on the Middle East question."

"Peres knows that he cannot command a majority in the full cabinet or the inner cabinet for our participation in an international conference on the peace process if the Russians are there, and he knows he has no authority to commit Israel," Arens noted. "It is not only a matter of commitments. The governmental system in Israel even places some limitations on what a prime minister can propose if his proposal is of real substance," he said. "Sometimes even suggestions require prior cabinet approval and that goes as much for Yitzhak Shamir as prime minister as it does for Shimon Peres as prime minister."

"In a coalition headed by one main faction such as Menachem Begin headed, Begin knew that he could always mobilize a majority in the cabinet for his proposals and that his colleagues would not leave him hanging out on a limb. In a national unity coalition with two main parties, the situation is a lot more delicate. Peres has to feel reasonably sure in advance that he can shape a consensus around his proposals."

"ASSUMING the cabinet approves any initiatives in the weeks prior to rotation in mid-October, Shamir would have to be the one who carries them out. It would therefore have been logical, had Peres got Shamir fully involved, and coordinated with him at every step of the way."

"Peres has turned the final weeks of his premiership, however, into a period of intense diplomatic activity. That is unusual for a man coming to the end of his term."

"In the United States, during the three months which elapse between the election of a new president, and the entry of his successor into the White House, the outgoing president is busy paving the way for his successor and coordinating everything with him."

Arens recalled that a *Jerusalem Post* editorial had taken exception to his terming Peres "a lame duck." "This is not in any sense a pejorative, but a fully legitimate expression in English political terminology, to describe an office-holder whose successor has already been elected or selected, and for whom the date of stepping down has also been fixed."

"It was legitimate enough for Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin to use the term when talking about the present chief of staff of the IDF with reference to the men in line to succeed him."

"Hence there was no reason for me, as the *Post* editorial wrote in error, to have 'partially retracted' the use of the term 'lame duck,' since with the name of Peres's successor and the date of the rotation fixed, Peres is exactly that," Arens said.

Asked about the project for Jordan to collect funds internationally and channel the funds to the West Bank for economic development, Arens said: "I'm not at all excited at the idea of Jordanian government funds being invested in Judea and Samaria. Business investments are one thing, and government investments imply a political factor, which is another thing. After all, Jordan is legally in a state of war with Israel. What would happen if Syria wanted to invest money on the Golan Heights?"

"I would have to be given some pretty convincing arguments, before I agreed to the plan for Jordanian economic aid to Judea and Samaria. I'm not talking about salaries to former civil servants, of course."

"The issue is far from trivial and the plan cannot go into effect without cabinet approval. To the extent that it is realistic I would demand that it come to the cabinet."

"As for the branch of the Cairo-Amman bank said to be opening in Nabulus, it would be one thing if local Nabulus businessmen establish it, and another thing if the Bank of Jordan is represented. Nor would I agree to credit lines being guaranteed by official authority in Jordan. Or to Jordan having authority to inspect the books. One country does not carry out state investments on the soil of another country. Israel does not in-

vest government funds to set up an enterprise in the United States," he said.

ARENS does not fall in with a proposal sometimes mooted by his Likud and cabinet colleague Ariel Sharon, industry and trade minister, whereby Israel should encourage the Palestinian Arabs to topple the Hashemite regime in Jordan.

"The family of King Hussein, one of the last few absolute monarchs in the world, was brought in by the British from outside, from what is now Saudi Arabia. Even if you differentiate between East Palestinians and West Palestinians, 60 per cent of the population of Jordan is West Palestinian and Jordan is a Palestinian state."

"I don't know what Hussein's chances would be, of becoming prime minister, if he called democratic elections. But whatever sort of Palestinian takeover people talk about, be it in elections or in a coup

d'état toppling the monarchy, I would prefer to see King Hussein stay in Amman rather than the sort of Palestine Arab leaders we know, like Yasser Arafat, George Habash or Naif Hawatmeh."

Although Hussein is in a formal state of war with Israel, since 1970 he has been in a state of de facto peace. The others preach terrorism and there is little reason to believe that Jordan would be as peaceful if they took over, as it is today," he said.

Arens said flatly: "Israel should not encourage any change in the present regime in Jordan. There is no doubt about our position. Israel has a strategic interest in keeping Iraqi and Syrian armies off the Jordan river."

"I am a great believer in democracy," Arens emphasized. "If and when democracy comes to the Arab states of the Middle East, the peace process will be strengthened thereby, and Jordan will be no exception to that rule."



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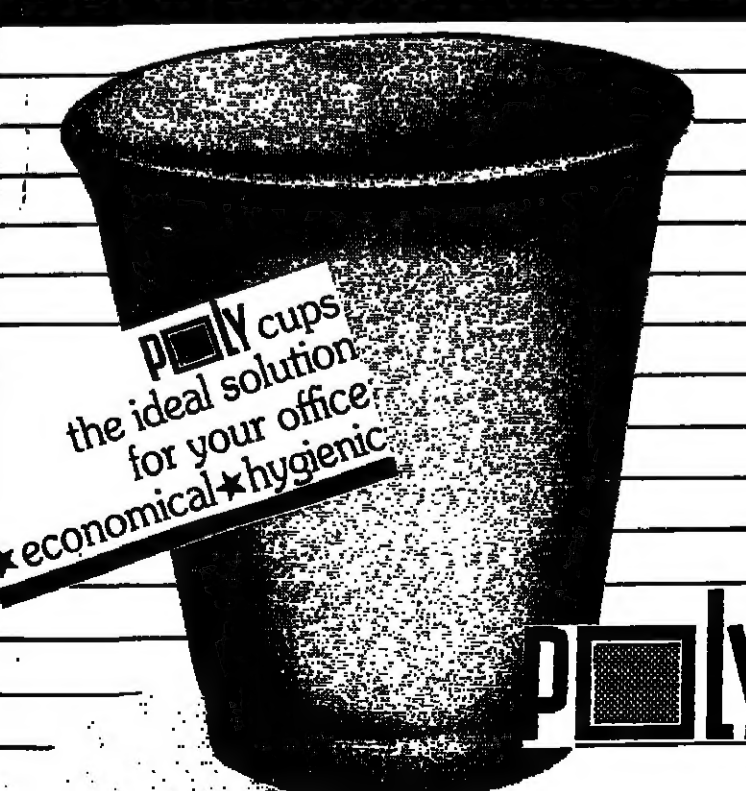
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The Likud's 'sour-grapes syndrome'

LABOUR PARTY people are accusing the Likud of seeking to discredit Prime Minister Shimon Peres in reprisal for his successes on the world scene. They see a coordinated campaign in dismissive statements from Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir ("Peres's ideas are very far from realistic"); Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon ("PR gimmickry is okay in its place, but security comes first"); and above all, Minister-without-Portfolio Moshe Arens, who speaks of the PM as "a lame duck."

The Likud is suffering from "a sour grapes syndrome," say the Labour people, as diplomatic action gains momentum on rotation eve with U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy already here, and his boss, Secretary of State George Shultz, hovering in the wings.

ARENS'S choice of words hardly jibes with his gentlemanly image. Nor with Peres's packed schedule next week in Alexandria with President Hosni Mubarak and then in the U.S. for meetings with President Ronald Reagan. He seems to be a most un-lame duck.

REPORTS from Washington indicate the Americans' wonder at the seasonal invasion of Israeli ministers this month. Apart from Peres, Shamir will be flying over for the opening of the UN General Assembly and to visit Washington; Finance Minister Moshe Nissim for the World Bank confab in the U.S. capital; Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin for talks at the Pentagon; Deputy Defence Minister Michael Dekel has just been to Washington and Deputy Foreign Minister Ronni Milo is expected soon. Hearing that Economics and Planning Minister Gad Ya'acobi has just cancelled his U.S. visit, I phoned to ask why. "Someone has to stay home and mind the store," he said.

DISMISSING Peres's diplomatic efforts as so much window-dressing, Arik Sharon declared: "So far only the Likud has brought peace." Is he trying to forget his war in Lebanon in 1982, which he promised then premier Menachem Begin would last 48 hours?

SHAMIR downplays Minister-without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman's diplomatic mission to Bonn and Rome saying: "I haven't a notion what he's doing. It's a secret mission, isn't it?" Peres's aides hoped Ezer might charm into greater supportiveness the two least sympathetic European leaders (outside of Greece's Andreas Papandreu): West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Italy's pro-PLO Premier Bettino Craxi. They firmly deny that Peres

was trying to keep a restless Ezer occupied.

THE cliff-hanger of the political season is whether Health Minister Mordechai (Motta) Gur will indeed quit, rather than serve in Shamir's government. Shamir refuses to limit the number of ministers to 23. By hinting that he'll bring back Yitzhak Moda'i, he's already caused Peres trouble from Labour aspirants for Gur's seat, inside and outside the government.

IT'S DIFFICULT to know the official Likud position on relations with the Soviets. Shamir made a most conciliatory statement about them at the Tel Aviv University ceremony honouring oil tycoon Armand Hammer, who advocates quiet diplomacy in pursuing Soviet Jewish rights. It's not only Hammer's friendship for Begin that prompted the presence of Shamir, known to dislike fumbling private mediation efforts with the Kremlin of the like of World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman. On the other hand, Arens's protégé, Ambassador to the UN Binyamin (Bibi) Netanyahu, appears not to mind the ice covering Soviet-Israeli ties. On his recent home visit he told an audience at the Jerusalem Hilton, "So the Russians want to talk to us. So what?"

DEPUTY Premier and Housing Minister David Levy stands accused of employing unfair means in the battle for the Herut leadership. Recent newspaper photos showed him on vacation with his family in athletic poses in swimming trunks. This accords him unfair advantage over his rivals. After all, can we expect Shamir or Sharon to do the same?

SO IT LOOKS as if the cabinet is finally to lose its wittiest minister, with the final exit of the Yiddish version of Talleyrand, Religious Affairs Minister Dr. Yosef Burg, in his 35th year in office. He received a nice farewell gift in the form of a "thank you" letter from U.S. Vice-President George Bush for his personal guidance at the Western Wall, during the latter's recent visit to Jerusalem. At least Bush knows where the holiest of Jewish religious sites is. At the Knesset dinner given in Bush's honour, he made a garbled reference to "Yod Ya-sha." Inquiry elicited the explanation that Bush had difficulty getting his tongue round "Yad Vashem."

KNESSET Defence and Foreign Affairs Committee chairman Abba Eban's *Heritage* TV series continues to go from success to success. In its second U.S. coast-to-coast showing, an unprecedented 70 per cent of its original 50 million-strong audience saw it again, according to Public



U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy with Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir in Jerusalem this week.



Ezer Weizman... Secret mission? (Dani Rosenblum)



Richard Wagner... No ban on excerpts.

Broadcasting Service's Arnold Labaton. Israel TV is currently considering a second screening.

The series has had a strong impact in Sweden, to judge by one letter Eban received from an 80-year-old woman viewer. "I feel I must write to tell you how intolerable I find the way the Romans treated the Jews. I hope that things will improve in future instalments of the series," she wrote. Eban mentioned the letter during the dinner given by Swedish Ambassador Sven Hirdman for the Swedish Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee, led by its chairman, Stig Alemyr.

IN THE change of directors-general at the Economics and Planning Ministry, Moshe Dovrat, 40, moved over from Bank Hapoalim, replacing Ehad Gera, 40, who is to coordinate the Task Force. Gera has worked with Minister Ya'acobi since he was deputy transport minister in 1970.

THE WEAKENING of the dollar brought the World Zionist Organization Executive this week to adopt a series of cuts in WZO operations here and abroad. Of course, that did not stop the purchase of new luxury Citroen B-X limousines for

WZO chairman Arye Dabiz and treasurer Akiva Lewinsky. Other executive members got new Peugeot 505 models. Department heads have to make do with new Ford Sierra cars.

DEFICITS or not, the WZO continues in its hallowed extravagant ways. An official WZO Information Department communiqué confirms that the editor of its ideological (no less) magazine *Forum*, Amnon Hadary, will henceforth produce it in London. He is joining his wife, Rivka Hadary, the new WZO Organization Department *shaliach* there. What she exactly organizes is unclear. Perhaps shopping trips of visiting WZO functionaries.

LISTENERS to last Saturday afternoon's *Voice of Music* marking the centenary of Franz Liszt heard only music by Richard Wagner with a gushing narrative written by Michael Ohad, which idealized the controversial composer. Asked whether Israel Radio had quietly removed the ban from broadcasting works by Hitler's spiritual mentor, *Voice of Music* director Avi Hanani waxed emotional in denouncing the ban on Wagner. He disagreed that this had been a ploy to quietly dodge the ban, arguing, "There's no ban on playing Wagner excerpts, only full works."

According to Israel Broadcasting Authority chairman Micha Yonon, Hanani had assured him that nothing was being done behind his back. Yonon does not switch on the radio on the Sabbath.

ACTING out one of his films, Cannon Studios Israeli executive Yitzhak Kol battled a disgruntled dismissed employee wielding an IDF hand-grenade in his office. Bodily lifting up the man, he threw him in the grenade's direction. It turned out to be a dud.

Kol then finalized arrangements for filming here Cannon's latest production — a new version of "Little Red Riding Hood," starring 13-year-old British actress Amalia Shukly. The role of her mother will be played by Isabella Rossellini, daughter of Ingrid Bergman and Roberto Rossellini, and "the wolf" by Rocco Sisto.

Kol speaks of filming at G.G. studios in Israel the musical show version of *Zorba the Greek*, co-starring Anthony Quinn and John Travolta. After Greece's Minister of Culture, Melina Mercouri, made such a fuss about Cannon filming *Zorba* in Israel, Kol is flying to Athens with director Robert Wise (*West Side Story*) and script-writer Ernest Lehmann to discuss the matter with her. Kol says, "After all, they filmed Richard Gere as King David in Italy, and *The Story of Jesus* in Tunis."

The full life of a man of conscience

Shlomo Zalman Druk: An appreciation by Abraham Rabinovich

SHLOMO Zalman Druk was wearing the black *haredi* garb of his Mea She'arim milieu when he organized the 250 workers of a diamond polishing plant in Jerusalem in the 1940s to demand better pay and conditions. He was wearing it still when he persuaded some 50 other *haredim* to join him in enlisting in the Hagana in 1947 and in participating in fierce battles for the northern part of the city.

Reb Shlomo Zalman, who died last week at age 66, remained loyal to his *haredi* upbringing and his humanistic instincts throughout a remarkable life as a public servant, a life lived with grace, modesty and selflessness.

A member of the Jerusalem City Council for the past 26 years — by far its longest serving member — Druk set aside several hours every other morning to receive telephone calls at home from members of the public who had problems with the bureaucracy or were otherwise in need of help. One night a week he would receive the public until 1 a.m. at headquarters of the Poalei Agudat Yisrael Party. People in need also knew they could find him every morning at his synagogue near Beit Ha'an ready to listen to their prayers. Druk would look into every case and come up with a solution whenever legally and humanly possible.

He received no payment for his public work, living on the salary he received as a clerk in the Jewish Agency. He and his wife lived in a modest rented apartment near the Ohel Moshe quarter. To provide extra income some years ago, Druk rented out a small room in his apartment one morning a week to a children's doctor who used it as a clinic. During those hours, mothers and children would wait in the Druk living room. When contractors and other moneyed persons whom he helped obtain building permits indicated a desire to express their gratitude with gifts, he would ask them not to ruin the relationship by any hint of bribery.

In a conversation we had several years ago, Druk said that he had been a communist in his youth. Relatives and friends said this week that he had never been a communist — that as an ultra-Orthodox Jew he could never have been — but that his remark was a figurative reference to his powerful yearnings for social equality. Such social consciousness was itself remarkable for someone from the inward looking *haredi* community. He treated secular Jews and Arabs with the same human concern he displayed towards *haredim*.

DRUK's mother was a sixth-generation Jerusalemite, his father an immigrant from Galicia. Shlomo Zalman and his brother, Moshe Akiva, today editor of the ultra-Orthodox daily *Hamodia* — were born in Jerusalem. Shlomo Zalman went to the Etz Hayim Yeshiva. When he married in his early 20s he did not return to studies in a *kolel* as was expected of him but went out to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow. He found employment in a large diamond polishing plant in the Givat Shaul quarter employing mostly *haredim*. When he sensed that he and his fellows were being exploited, he organized a workers' committee and was elected chairman.

Confronted by demands for increased pay and improved work conditions, the plant owner assembled the workers and told them that they should regard him as a father who had their interests at heart. Young Druk rose and said: "I already have a father. What we want is a boss (ba'al habayit) who will pay us a

decent wage." The militant young *haredi* became active in Poalei Agudat Yisrael.

On the eve of the War of Independence, he persuaded other young *haredim* to join the Hagana with him. After military training, they were distributed among the companies fighting around the Mandelbaum Gate and other areas in northern Jerusalem. After the war, he was involved in absorbing immigrants in the city's *ma'abarot*, spending days and nights as a volunteer in the transit camps.

Elected to the city council in 1960, he quickly proved his grasp of public issues and managerial ability. Mayor Teddy Kollek, a hard judge of men, came to rely on Druk as one of the handful of close associates he could trust to see a tough problem through. Druk was the city councilman in charge of the municipal water department and helped make it a model for cities around the country. His thorough study of material and sound judgment made him a respected member of the Local Planning Commission and of the council's Finance Committee. "As a councilman, he acted as a representative of the broad public, not just the *haredi* community that elected him," said Haim Kubersky, former director-general of the Interior Ministry.

Although PAI withdrew from the municipal coalition last year at the order of the Gerrer Rebbe because of the dispute over the Mormon institution on the Mount of Olives, Kollek asked Druk to continue fulfilling his previous municipal tasks.



without a permit. She was very upset. I tried to get Druk but he was out of town and it wasn't until 11:30 that I got him. He said he would want to see the balcony before getting involved. I suggested going down the next morning but he said he would be out of town and wouldn't have any time the following days either. Finally he said "You know what, let's go look at it now." He was already half in pyjamas and exhausted from a long day of meetings.

Travelling to the location with Bergman by taxi after midnight — Druk never had a car — he saw that the balcony was not facing directly onto the street and that it would have been approved if a permit had been requested. The next day, Druk telephoned to halt preparations to destroy the balcony, and through Bergman had the woman make a formal request for a permit.

On another occasion, when a Kiryat Hayovel man with 10 children illegally added an extra room to his apartment and neighbours complained, Bergman accompanied Druk to the site. "He kept walking around studying the site. It was in the middle of a scorching summer day but when the man invited us in for a drink he said, 'I'm not going to drink until I've come up with a solution.' After about two hours he had one. He told the man he would have to cut the room back by about a metre so that it wouldn't project beyond the line of balconies. Then he went to the neighbours who had complained and persuaded them to think about the man's 10 children and accept the solution. "They did," said a Housing Ministry official. "I could never refuse when Druk requested something. I always felt he was one of the *lamed vavnikim* (the 36 anonymous, righteous men of each generation by whose merits the world exists), according to Jewish tradition."

DRUK never travelled abroad — he turned down the opportunity when his party offered it to him, saying that he didn't have a new suit — but within the bounds of his native city he lived a fuller life than most men of the world. He and his wife had three sons, all of them Hassidim, and a daughter. One evening a week, the sons and son-in-law would gather in Druk's apartment to study *Talmud* until after midnight. He would begin his Passover seder with his children and grandchildren near midnight and end it close to dawn.

Every Friday evening he would walk to the Western Wall for Sabbath prayers. It was on such a walk three weeks ago that he first felt pain in his chest as he passed through the Arab marketplace. He hurried on so that if anything happened it would be at the Wall. Recovering his strength, he walked back home and was in the middle of the Sabbath meal when he was again stricken. He was taken to Bikur Holim Hospital where he died two weeks later. He was buried on the Mount of Olives.

Condolence callers during the shiva covered the religious-political spectrum in Jerusalem from Rabbi Yitzhak Yehuda Weiss, head of the anti-state *Eda Haredit*, to the chief rabbi of the "Zionist establishment." There were secular callers as well, and Sephardim as well as Ashkenazim.

"It wasn't only *haredim* who cried at his passing," said a senior municipal official this week. "He was a politician with a soul. You don't find many politicians with a soul."

A former Neturei Karta activist expressed a similar sentiment yesterday. "It's sad that he died but he lived a good life. What is truly sad is that there are no more like him."

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Political Correspondent Mark Segal considers the implications of the Health Minister's decision not to serve under Shamir when he becomes premier

Motta Gur's big gamble

AS NEWSPAPER columns flowered this week with references to "Mr. Integrity" and "the politician with a conscience," Health Minister Motta Gur also sparked less kindly comment about the timing of his announcement that he will not serve after the rotation in Yitzhak Shamir's government.

Some 40 days before the rotation, some say, Motta Gur has lit the fuse of a time bomb under the grand coalition. Those who know Gur say this was the first move in his declared design to become prime minister or at least leader of the Labour Party in the post-Peres era.

It is already apparent, even before

his exit from the cabinet, that Gur has acquired the moral aura that makes him that much more potentially dangerous to the existing party leadership. Perhaps the aspiring health minister has already wrought a measure of damage to Shimon Peres in stating that his planned exit stems from Shamir's involvement in the General Security Service Affair. The implication of a top-level cover-up does not leave Peres untouched.

Given the overwhelming majority enjoyed by the Peres-Rabin team in the Labour Party (and their continuing harmonious relationship), Motta Gur has little prospect of challenging their primacy right now,

but what kind of clout he could build up in the post-rotation period before new elections is anyone's guess. His presence as a non-minister will certainly pose a challenge to those of his Alignment peers left behind, especially Ezer Weizman, Ya'acov Tsur and Gad Ya'acobi. Due to Gur's example, Amnon Rubinstein may be compelled by his Shinui Party to relinquish his ministerial trappings earlier than planned.

Gur's move will also have an impact on all the Labour Alignment MKs straining at the leash. In view of the expected diplomatic immobility of the Shamir government and the prospect of Gush Emunim having a

free hand on the West Bank, the outcome of a no-confidence vote could be highly unpredictable.

Like widening ripples in a pool, the stone cast into Labour's waters by Gur's announcement has already caused underlying tensions to come to the surface. Cabinet insiders are bidding to apportion the Health Ministry to one of their number.

Tsur and Ya'acobi are two names mentioned. This would certainly be a welcome solution for Peres; hence the talk of reducing the number of ministers from 25 to 23 by keeping Yitzhak Moda'i out of the government and maintaining party balance. While this is heartily welcomed in

private by the three Liberal ministers, Shamir rejects the idea, thus keeping the troublesome Liberals in disarray, winning Moda'i as an ally and foiling Peres. Machiavelli could not have done better.

THE HEALTH Minister is not politically naive and knows he has taken a risk. He will be distancing himself from the sources of patronage and publicity. The rule in politics is out of sight, out of mind. But, as one Labour politician put it, "Knowing Motta, he'll never be out of hearing."

Yet the fate of two ministers who resigned cabinet office on matters of principle comes to mind — that of Yitzhak Ben-Aharon and Yitzhak Berman. True, Ben-Aharon later became secretary-general of the Histadrut, where he excelled in the art of political self-destruction. In the more immediate example of Moda'i, on the day of his resignation all his colleagues swore to reinstate him after rotation day on October 14, with his fellow Liberals swiftly proceeding to block his return route.

Less kindly critics point out that Gur's record at the Health Ministry had not been brilliant. He was plunged into the worst crisis ever besetting Israel's health system with then finance minister Moda'i working, it seemed, to wreck socialized medicine. At the height of the Gur-Moda'i confrontation, the public saw chronically ill aged trundled out

of hospitals, and may remember just that this was done under Gur's stewardship, and that Gur was minister when the mismanaged Kupat Cholim Clalit had to be financially rescued.

The argument that Gur inherited these crises can be countered with sources. To his credit, it must be said that unlike Labour and Social Services Minister Moshe Katsav, Gur did not interfere with the professionals running the ministry nor replace them, as Katsav did, with party hacks.

A bid for Gur's cabinet seat has already come from Deputy Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli-Almosino, who threatens dire party repercussions if she does not get her way. Gur, after treating her with disdain during their first year at the ministry (she called for his dismissal), has recommended to Peres that she inherit his seat. She claims sizeable support in the party central committee especially among old-time Oriental immigrant ward bosses. But her strength in the new committee, largely fashioned by Labour Secretary-General Uzi Baram, is unknown. Some say he could be a candidate with others, arguing that he has only just completed his first stage in reshaping the party organization with his eye on the post-Peres period.

A major factor against Arbeli-Almosino is that her advent into the cabinet would strengthen its hawkish

wing. She is known, for example, to have been part of the parliamentary lobby favouring mass clemency for the Jewish terrorist underground. Another candidate is Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee chairman Ora Namir, who has earned a reputation as one of the hardest working and most capable the one that he produced no new ideas on how to cope with public health in times of declining recommitment heads. Having parted ways in 1984 from the Rabin camp, where she led its urban wing, Namir has since become a charter member of Labour's dovish lobby.

There is also talk that Peres would like to see MK Simha Dinitz adding his weight to the activist mainstream in the government. One hears of pressure mounting in favour of either Alignment Knesset faction head Rafi Eidi; Labour manpower department head MK Micha Harish, a mainstream dove; or Deputy Finance Minister Adi Amorai. All three are politicians to whom Peres is in debt — Eidi for his aid in the Moroccan trip; Harish for his work in the Socialist International; and Amorai was originally promised support from Peres for the governorship of the Bank of Israel, but the premier finally preferred Prof. Michael Bruno.

Time will tell whether Motta's gamble will pay off and whether the fuse he lit will splutter out or really cause the big bang.

Why the economy of the West Bank is stagnant

Political uncertainty plus Israeli and Jordanian marketing restrictions are hampering development on the West Bank. JOEL GREENBERG reports.

AT HANNA NASSER'S towel factory in Bethlehem, workers labour amid the deafening roar of outdated automatic looms. At the Sylvania chocolate factory in Ramallah, rows of girls form a human assembly line, arranging chocolates in boxes. In another part of the factory, youths spend hours grabbing wafers off a rubber conveyor belt, arranging them in piles for packaging.

At a modern RC Cola plant on a nearby hill, the doors swing open only when a magnetic card is inserted in a slot by the entrance. Upstairs, workers in a spacious room man new imported chrome machines, which dispense the drink into cans and bottles, stamp and seal them. At the Hewlett Packard firm nearby, all sounds are deadened by the wall-to-wall carpeting, and employees work at computer screens.

The contrasting images of West Bank industrial plants reflect the conflict in which the area's economy is caught: uncertainty over the future and the problematic political status, restricting investment and preventing long term planning.

Under Jordan, the Palestinian West Bank was deliberately underdeveloped and accorded lower priority than the East Bank, which King Hussein strove to consolidate as the centre of his power.

WHEN ISRAEL occupied the West Bank in 1967, it found a poor economic infrastructure and latent unemployment. A subsequent economic boom in Israel brought a demand for Palestinian labour and increased employment, but the West Bank economy did not follow a normal development pattern.

Instead of following the traditional path of developing economies, in which agricultural development gives way to urban industrialization, West Bank industries remained stunted, while agriculture, under the influence of sophisticated Israeli farming techniques, underwent a drastic change.

Productivity in agriculture, which according to official statistics makes up a third of the area's gross national product, increased as a result of the introduction of mechanized farm equipment, drip irrigation, and round-the-year cultivation under nylon cover.

Industry stagnated. Israeli policy with regard to development has been inconsistent over the past 19 years. It has swung from complete opposition

to any development, on the grounds that it would create economic competition for Israel and give economic power to politically undesirable groups, to the current stated policy of economic liberalization.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said last month that Israel would welcome any Jordanian economic development plans in the area, as long as they did not work against Israeli policy. At the same time, the Israeli ban on the establishment of industries which could pose serious competition to Israel is still in force.

Jordan, until its recently announced five-year development plan for the West Bank and Gaza Strip, has shown little interest in developing the area, especially its industry. Even under the new plan, only 5 per cent of its \$1.5 billion are earmarked for industry. According to some Israeli analysts, this shows that Jordan still does not want seriously to develop the West Bank, for fear of giving it independent

The Gaza picture page 9

economic power that could back up Palestinian claims to the area.

Jordan's desire to support only projects which will promote its influence was amply demonstrated last month when Israeli court bailiffs broke into the debt-ridden Jerusalem District Electricity Company, which has been unable to secure needed funds from Jordan. Informed Palestinian sources say the lack of support for Jordan's West Bank policy by company chairman Anwar Nusseibeh is the reason for the Jordanian reluctance to help.

ACCORDING to Israeli analysts, local factors have also contributed to the industrial stagnation. Personal and family competition has upset traditional business and investment patterns and prevented the formation of larger Palestinian groups that could combine their capital and form powerful investment corporations.

A prominent example of the development of West Bank industry on family lines is the Hewlett Packard plant, which is run by the Gedeon brothers, who also own a large contracting firm. Their family-based businesses have succeeded on their own, and they recently won a civil administration tender for computerizing West Bank municipalities,

beating leading Israeli firms.

An additional local factor hampering industry is the lack of the skilled manpower necessary to direct large-scale industries. Though the West Bank has in the last 19 years seen the growth of 13 new academic institutions and the addition of 1,000 college graduates to its work force each year, Israeli and Palestinian analysts say there has been little direction and planning of the type of academic education which would produce persons trained in the skills needed for the development of the West Bank economy. One of the Gedeon brothers says he studied and trained abroad. Many of the Palestinian college graduates have degrees in the humanities, but lack the scientific and technical training needed to launch and direct sophisticated science-based and other industries. Failure to coordinate educational curricula and economic needs is a major cause of the growing underemployment among Palestinian college graduates in the area, according to the analysts.

THE LACK of local organization to provide investment capital has been complicated by the virtual absence of the credit and banking facilities required to finance industrial and other economic development. Local banks closed after the Six Day War, and branches of Israeli banks in the West Bank are unable to serve many of the needs of West Bank businessmen, who have ties with Jordan and other Arab states. Instead, many have turned to money-changers, who often serve as surrogate banks and fulfil many of their functions, and sometimes also invest their clients' money.

Many of the money-changers in the West Bank have strong business links with Jordan; and the recent difficulties experienced by the Jordanian economy due to the drop in support from the oil states and Israel's successful reduction of inflation have weakened the position of the money-changers who thrive on the relative strength of the Jordanian dinar.

Recent attempts by Palestinian businessmen to negotiate the opening of a bank in the territories, though originally opposed by Israel, have now run into Jordanian opposition, apparently because of concern over lack of control over the bank and an outflow of Jordanian currency to the territories.



The daily migration — in this case from Kalkiya — to jobs in Israel.

The absence of industrial development has left the West Bank mostly with cottage industries employing four or five people, and little more than 20 factories with more than 100 employees. Industry makes up only 7 per cent of the area's gross national product, according to Israeli figures. There is no heavy industry, and most plants produce such items as plastics, stone, soft drinks and shoes. Even larger industries such as the RC Cola plant do not produce materials needed for further economic development. Requests to set up a cement plant in Hebron have been turned down by Israel on the ground that the idea is economically unsound, since the cement products would run into competition from Israel and Jordan.

Many of the middle-size and small firms in the West Bank are labour-intensive. At the Sylvania factory, children on holiday from school have been manning some of the machines and doing assembly-line work. At the Bethlehem plastic company, older women are employed in stacking some of the products before packaging. The wages of these workers, as low as NIS240-300 a month, have also attracted Israeli firms to subcon-

tract jobs to West Bank industries, where Israeli raw materials (such as textiles) are processed into finished clothing.

BOTH INDUSTRIAL and agricultural production in the West Bank are hampered by marketing restrictions. Israel has imposed quotas on, and even banned the import of, certain West Bank agricultural produce to protect Israeli farmers.

At the same time, the growth of agricultural productivity in the territories has created problems of surpluses, which Israel has sought to

reduce by easing duties on exports to Jordan (and through it to the Gulf states) and by a new policy of permitting the marketing of such farm goods to Europe and the U.S. through Israel's Agrexco export firm. Agrexco has traditionally limited marketing of West Bank vegetables to Europe, where they would have competed with Israeli products.

Meanwhile, Jordan has also imposed import quotas on agricultural and industrial West Bank goods to protect its own market. Until now, Jordan has demanded that all raw materials and machines used to

manufacture products for export to Jordan must be purchased through Jordan. This demand was in keeping with the Arab boycott of Israel, to ensure that no Israeli-produced goods would be marketed in Jordan. Jordan has also stipulated that only 50 per cent of the industrial production in the West Bank be sent to Jordan.

However, under its new five-year development plan for the territories, Jordan is considering "normalizing" its relations with the West Bank and easing the flow of goods from the area to the East Bank. The minister of occupied territories, Marwan Duda, said last month that Jordan was committed to marketing agricultural products from the West Bank, including surpluses, "which are considered an integral part of Jordan's agricultural products."

Jordan is also reliably reported to be planning to remove its stipulation that all raw materials used in products exported to Jordan be imported through Jordan, and will also allow industries it licenses to use machines imported through Israel's Haifa port. Industries already operating with such machines that receive Jordanian licences will also be allowed to export their products to Jordan, according to the reports.

Despite the planned easing of the Jordanian restrictions, Israeli analysts say that West Bank exporters will face reduced demand in the Gulf states due to the economic decline there following the drop in oil prices. In addition, seeds exported from the West Bank to Gulf states would later become crops which would compete with local agricultural goods.

The vise of Israeli and Jordanian marketing restrictions, and the political uncertainty hanging over the West Bank and other areas of the Middle East have all worked to further hamper the development of an already stunted West Bank economy.

An example of the difficulties was given recently by Hanna Nasser, the towel manufacturer in Bethlehem, who said that his application for credit to purchase new machinery in Europe was turned down. While other firms were given five years to pay for equipment, Nasser was told he could not be given such terms, because his plant was in the territories, apparently considered a high-risk area.

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The brighter side of the Gaza picture



David Krivine investigates charges that Israel is exploiting the people of Gaza and district economically. He finds that the Strip has in fact made big strides

ISRAEL'S administration of the Gaza Strip is stigmatized in a book published last June by the West Bank Data-Based Project (headed by E. Meron Benvenisti) as an oppressive, colonialist regime, exploiting the Arab inhabitants mercilessly and subordinating their economic interests to those of the foreign occupier.

According to the book, Gaza pays tribute to the Israeli government. 50% of the revenue collected from agricultural taxpayers goes to finance the Treasury in Jerusalem. The laborers who commute daily to work for Israeli employers pay more on their earnings than Israeli workers.

Jewish farmers settled in the Strip are allowed any amount of water and consume per capita 100 times more than the locals, which "poses a severe threat to the future of Palestinian agriculture." And so on.

The book, entitled *The Gaza Strip Survey*, was written by Sara Roy, an American, and is printed in English only. Benvenisti's organization is funded by the Rockefeller and Ford Foundations, and administered by the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research.

On first impression, the survey's conclusions are at odds with the statistics featured on its own pages. It says that the Arabs are denied marketing outlets and that their shops are flooded with "dumped" Israeli goods. How is it then that since the start of the occupation, the Gaza Strip's gross national product has increased by an average of 9.7 per cent per annum?

The reason, the book states, is that many Gaza workers are employed inside Israel. But even if we ignore that source of income, the gross domestic product still more than doubled during those years (the increase was 130 per cent). That does not suggest a freeze in growth.

The Israeli government has taken land and water away from the Arabs, driving "many Gazans out of the agricultural sector"; has not invested in agriculture; has restricted export markets while granting Israeli producers "unlimited access to Gaza markets"; has given unequal access to financial resources and increased the cost of agricultural inputs.

It sounds crippling. Yet Gaza's agriculture has expanded by a steady 5 per cent a year, a rate which many countries would envy.

Industry has suffered a "lack of growth" due to Israeli policies of constraint, supplying no investment funds, stifling local initiative and providing few opportunities for vocational training.

Admittedly, Gaza has no Silicon Valley. Nevertheless, according to the book its industrial production has risen severalfold since 1967. The number of manufacturing firms increased from 430 to 1,640. Many are one-family outfits; but industry, which was 4.5 per cent of total output before 1967, accounted in 1983 for 40 per cent of an output which had itself more than doubled.

That is not a growth-rate characteristic of a "stifled" industry. To adapt an old Jewish saying, if things are so bad, how come the statistics are so good?

THE AUTHOR concludes that two trends which Israelis see as positive are really negative. First, 45 per cent of the work force is employed inside Israel, providing a source of cheap labour. The writer thinks Gaza residents should work in the Strip.

Second, most of the industrial development inside Gaza was made possible by sub-contracting arrangements in which Israeli companies farm out work to Gazan firms. The author would prefer to see the growth of indigenous industries inside Gaza.

She is right, but surely the one leads to the other. Jobs in Israel have reduced unemployment in Gaza from something like 30 per cent of the labour force to zero. Enough manpower remained to make possible the 130 per cent increase in the GDP, despite the fact that almost

half the labour force was employed across the border.

This means that commuting workers earned good money away from home and spent it inside the Strip, providing a spur to increased production.

Jobs inside Gaza were created by the sub-contracting deals and they constitute, a halfway stage for the development of indigenous industries. Israel itself is eager for sub-contracting opportunities from factories in the West.

The initial activity may be labour-intensive, as Sara Roy notes with disapproval, but mechanization follows in the course of time. For example, in 1970 there were 36 tractors in the Gaza Strip; by 1984 their number had risen to 651.

Statistics in the Bank of Israel's progress reports indicate what has happened to living standards since Gaza came under Israeli rule less than two decades ago. In 1972, almost nobody had a gas or electric cooking-stove (a mere 6.5 per cent of all households), electric refrigerator (5.7 per cent) or TV set (7.5 per cent).

Last year, the great majority of all households in Gaza contained a gas or electric cooking-stove (86.1 per cent), electric refrigerator (77.8 per cent) and TV set (84.7 per cent). Also the number of car owners shot up from 2.3 per cent to 14.1 per cent, despite a one-third increase in population.

Sara Roy does not mention these figures. Yet, they are surely relevant to the plight of the Arab inhabitants to be reported objectively.

CITRICULTURE IS hamstrung in Gaza, says the report, due to dwindling water supplies, a ban on citrus sales to the countries that Israel supplies (leaving only Eastern Europe and Jordan) and "Israeli policies directed against the development of citriculture in the Gaza Strip." Those policies include a ban on the planting of new trees and even on the replacement of old non-productive ones; the absence of a value-added tax rebate as enjoyed by Israeli farmers; and the imposition of an export tax.

How then did citrus output increase from 91,000 tons in 1967 to 243,000 tons in 1975? Because, according to the book, 40,000 dunams were planted before 1967 and they take some years to mature. Very well, but how could Gaza's farmers sell two-and-a-half times more citrus if their markets were so restricted?

They managed because the discriminatory taxes outlined in the book do not exist. According to Sgan-Aluf Freddy Zach, Deputy Coordinator of Government Operations in the Administered Areas, there is no export tax on citrus.

This denial was confirmed by Mordechai Bareket, director of Customs and Excise in the Israeli Treasury. There have been port levies of various kinds but they apply to Israeli exports also. The VAT rebates (one presumes Roy means on purchased inputs) are paid to grove owners in Gaza as they are to grove owners in Israel.

However, there has been a drop in output since 1975, to 164,000 tons in 1984. Zach attributes it to the shortage of water for irrigation, and to the slump of Israel's citrus exports in general, down from \$230m. in 1980 to \$117m. in 1984.

But that is in the Eighties. Israel's foreign sales went on increasing during the earlier 1975-80 period, while Gaza's output was already in decline.

Professor Shmuel Pohoryles, planning chief at the Agriculture Ministry, gave the cause: "It is the increased salinity of the irrigation water in Gaza, which makes trees shrivel and die. That is why we don't allow re-planting: the new trees will die too." This water problem is general and has caused retrenchment in agriculture all over Israel. It was felt earlier and more acutely in Gaza.

Under the circumstances there was little justification for putting Jewish settlers in the territory or allowing them generous water supplies. Roy is right about that. But, according to Zach's staff, the Arabs use 90m. cubic metres a year, and the Jews 5-6m. The figures are confirmed by Zvi Grunwald of the Water Commission.

The gain to the Jewish settlements was certainly a loss to the local community. To say, however, that such a minor inroad "poses severe threats to the future of Palestinian agriculture" is to make a mountain out of what is still only a medium-sized molehill.

Zach adds that Tahal (the water development company) is currently completing a survey of water sources in the Strip. Israel will have to help out, he says - first, he promises, by getting the Jewish settlers off the Gaza network and linking them to Israel's Yarkon-Negev pipeline.

The Israelis are so hidebound, writes Roy, that they even prevent the construction of a local citrus juice factory. They "have granted permission for the establishment of a

factory, but have attached conditions which Gazans consider financially impossible to implement."

What conditions she does not say. It is possible the investors may have demanded the kind of tax rebate that goes with an "approved investment." Israel has a Capital Investments Law which gives tax rebates to two kinds of approved investment: those creating exports and those situated in the development areas. The law does not apply to the West Bank and Gaza because they are not part of the state of Israel.

I did not raise this question with Zach but in another context, he made an observation which throws light on the topic. "Gazans are negotiating with us for the construction of a factory to make citrus products," he told me. "They want exemption from income tax for five years."

"We said that under our regulations, they can get the benefit provided the body submitting the request is a cooperative society. They want to function as a company, not a cooperative. We are seeing what can be done."

Zach admits that Gaza fishermen may not sail further than 19 miles from the shoreline. "Our policy in general," he explains, "is maximum liberalization - consistent with security needs."

"The military will not allow boats from the administered areas free access across the sea to neighbouring countries owing to the threat of terrorism. That is a security consideration we have to respect."

"Within those limits we help as much as we can. We have secured a \$7m. allocation from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to help build a fishing harbour, an ice-factory and fishmonger shops."

UNDP also put up \$1m. for surgical equipment in the Shifa Hospital, cited in the report as an example of the "adverse and increasingly deteriorating conditions within which (medical) services are offered, conditions which were observed first hand."

Conditions cannot be compared with Israeli hospitals, Gaza, as stated, is not part of Israel. But Roy's allegation that the situation has deteriorated is fervently denied. "We have invested \$4m. in Shifa during the last two years," says Zach. "quite apart from UNDP's \$1m. contribution. A new maternity wing was opened eight months ago. Next month a new X-ray department will be added and later this year a new surgical department."

"It has been decided to give free hospitalization to all children in the Gaza Strip up to the age of three. Our aim is to lower the death-rate among babies."

Dealing with the aid budget donated by the U.S. Congress for the West Bank and Gaza in 1984, 1985 and 1986, Roy asserts that "based on previous disbursement patterns, about half of the funds allocated actually reach the indigenous communities." Who grabs the other half? Roy does not say, but no reader of the book will doubt that it can only be the Israelis.

Zach finds her statement baffling. "Aid money from the U.S. Congress does not go to us, it goes to the PVOs (private voluntary organizations)," he stresses. It is difficult to believe that if 50 per cent of the money is really siphoned off by the Israeli authorities year after year, Congress would have nothing to say about it.

THE MOST serious accusation is that Israel seizes Gaza's tax money for its own purposes. "The revenue derived from direct taxation of Gazan labourers in Israel," Roy says, "is not being channelled back into the territory but is instead expended inside Israel." Furthermore, the value added tax (VAT) is grabbed by the Israeli Treasury, she proclaims.

The result is nefarious. Theoretically Israel contributes \$17.5m. a year to Gaza (her figure). In practice Gaza gets nothing. On the contrary, she asserts, it contributes \$30m.-\$40m. a year to Israel.

We are talking of three levies: income tax, national insurance and VAT. Let us start with VAT, which is called in Gaza the excise added tax. It comes to 15 per cent as in Israel, except that inside the Green Line it is imposed on non-profit institutions, whereas in the administered areas such institutions are exempt.

According to Zach the proceeds from all taxes raised in Gaza have to be spent in Gaza and that includes VAT. There is, he says, a High Court ruling on the subject. Yonatan Weisberg, of the Treasury's Budget Division, confirms that no VAT revenues are transferred to Israel: the money stays in Gaza.

The national insurance contribu-

tion is payable by Arab workers (16 per cent coming from his employer and 5 per cent from his wages). But he does "not receive the same benefits," Roy declares, "particularly with regard to pensions, sick leave, widowhood, disability, employment or dependents."

This is a terribly muddled observation. First of all, Arab employees get work accident insurance, an important benefit she does not mention. Secondly, the sick leave whose absence she deprecates does not exist under national insurance. Israeli workers do not get it either.

They get it from their contributory pension funds, a voluntary system enshrined in the collective agreements. The system is designed to supplement national insurance. Arabs from the territories are not covered by national insurance, but they do participate in the contributory pension schemes.

If they are employed in industry or agriculture they qualify for old-age pensions (the employer donates 12 per cent, the worker 5 per cent). If they are employed in building, they get widow and dependent benefits as well (the employer pays 30 per cent and the worker 5 per cent). All this is relevant, but ignored in Roy's book.

The question remains, if Arabs from the territories are not entitled to national insurance proper, why do they and their employers have to pay the monthly contributions?

Shlomo Amir, in charge of employment and labour in the administered areas, explains: "The authorities do not want to see the Arabs undercutting the cost of Israeli labour. The employer must pay the rate for the job whoever he employs, and that includes fringe benefits like national insurance."

But the money deducted from the Arabs (and by the employers on their behalf) belongs rightfully to them, Amir agrees. So 2 per cent is allocated for the work accident insurance to which they are entitled. The remainder is transferred to Gaza for use in the local social services budget.

Thus, two of the three levies that the book says are appropriated by

What happens to the taxes paid

the Israelis are not. As to the revenue derived from income taxes, Roy is right in saying that it accrues to the Israeli government. Treasury men point out that in all fiscal systems, a tax belongs where it is collected.

What sums are in question? During the year 1985/86, total income tax contributed by commuting workers from the West Bank and Gaza was NIS 8,285,188, paid by 42,000 wage-earners. Those who defied the law and did not register with the labour exchange presumably paid no income tax at all.

The sum of NIS 8,285,188 comes to \$5.6m. If as much as half of that was paid by workers from Gaza, their deduction totalled \$2.8m.

Thus, Roy's conclusion, that "between \$30m. and \$40m. of revenue derived from taxes paid by Gazan workers was transferred to Israel," is not true. Neither VAT nor national insurance contributions are transferred to Israel. At most \$2.8m. of income tax revenue collected in Israel ought to be made over to the Gaza population.

This brings us back to Israel's donation of \$17.5m. a year to Gaza. If we accept Roy's claim to the income tax as valid, then the grant is not as big as we thought. Instead of being \$17.5m. it is only \$14.7m. But it is still a grant, and the money, such

as it is, flows to Gaza, not the other way round.

A word about income tax levied inside Gaza. This money belongs of course to the Gazans; but it is worth mentioning, given the destructive tone of Roy's book, that Gazans in Gaza pay less income tax than Israelis in Israel.

According to Seren Ron Kremer, personal assistant to the chief coordinator in the administered areas, rates are lower and the tax ceiling is 55 per cent, as against 60 per cent in Israel.

Company tax is different too. In Israel it comes to 61 per cent and dividends are taxable. According to the Treasury, in Gaza company tax is only 38.5 per cent and dividends are not taxable.

There are endless other matters to take issue with. I cannot overlook Roy's observation about the Histadrut. "It deducts," she writes, "1 per cent of the Arabs' wages in payment for services the union does not provide." Zalman Chen of the Labour Ministry points out that this same 1 per cent deduction is made from the salary of all Israeli wage-earners, whether Jewish or Arab, who choose not to be union members. The payment is obligatory under the law.

The reasoning behind this law is that non-union members benefit from the work of the Histadrut. The wage they get is fixed in collective agreements negotiated by the Histadrut, and it is only right that they should make at least a token contribution to the organization which won them the benefit. The reader may or may not agree with official logic but the issue is not an ethnic one.

IF DR. BENVENISTI'S organization wants to make a fair judgment about Israel's administration of Gaza it has to decide whether the area is part of Israel or is foreign territory.

If it is part of Israel, then its development is seriously lagging. Were the zone to be annexed, the Israeli population would have to tighten its belt and release vast resources for investment in updating a backward infrastructure and poorly-equipped social services.

If on the other hand Gaza is a foreign country, then we can say that its economic and social situation is considerably better than 20 years ago, before the occupation. (Another statistic: in 1969, 106,000 pupils were in school; 15 years later, 155,000.)

Actually Gaza falls between two stools, being neither part of Israel nor completely separate from her - and that does create problems. Every measure taken has a positive and negative side depending on how you look at it.

For example Israel subsidizes its bakers. It does not subsidize bakers in Gaza because it thinks it does not have to. But there is no tariff barrier between Israel and Gaza, so Gazans are free to buy subsidized Israeli bread. That is good: they get cheap bread at the expense of the Israeli taxpayer. It is also bad: their bakers must find it hard to compete. Fortunately the Arabs eat mostly pitta, which is not subsidized either in Israel or Gaza. So the damage is not so great after all.

The situation is not always that easy. Investment in Israel is subsidized. In Gaza it is not. That creates a difficult competitive position for Gaza's industrialists. Perhaps they should be protected by a tariff barrier after all; but that would lower living standards sharply.

All these issues need to be analysed in order to get a comprehensive and more balanced picture.

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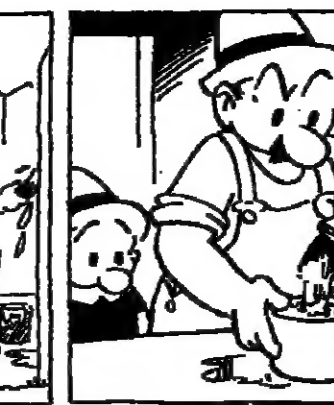
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Seat Ronda GLX, 1984, 28,000 km., excellent condition, 05-915348, 05-915349.

Seat Ronda, 1985, one owner, excellent, 19,000 km., test, 05-37721.

1987, supply soon, test drive, 1987, exchange possible, Suzuki Agency, Herzliya, 05-86966.

Car Centre, 201 Ben Yehuda, Tel Aviv, special prices, Opel, Audi, Ford, Audi, Renault, Seat, 1984, 1985, credit possible, special conditions for tax experts, special department for prestigious car accessories, 05-467924.

Cars from rental, 1985, all models, 05-25210, 05-25211.

Daihatsu Charade 1000, 1983, air conditioning, one owner, 05-852487.

Daihatsu Charade, 5 gears, 1983, excellent condition, year's test, 05-91815.

Daihatsu Charade, 1983, excellent condition, from rental, 05-24778.

Daihatsu Charade 1000, 1983, 05-24778.

For sale, luxurious foreign car, air conditioning, refrigerator, 05-925454.

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Modern cars, foreign made, 12 models, all improvements, 05-742529.

Seat Ronda GL, 1984, like new, 28,000 km., Ramat Hasharon, 05-80909, 05-80910.

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33, 1984, 73,000 km., from driving school, 05-80909.

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Cairo drags its feet

AT THE LAST moment the hitch that should have been barred, was not. So that the Alexandria summit, only five days away on paper, may in fact not be held.

Somebody in Cairo, it seems, has got it into his head that Shimon Peres is so desperate, for reasons both domestic and international, to meet with Hosni Mubarak next week that he can now easily be pressured into making last-minute concessions to Israel's supposed partner in peace. Mr. Peres' response was to relay an open message to Cairo that the Egyptian tactic, if that is what it was, was based on miscalculation.

It remains to be seen whether the message, which should perhaps have been relayed earlier, will have the desired effect. That the Peres-Mubarak summit was not held months ago was due in large measure to Israel's own preoccupation early in the life of the national unity government with winding up the Likud's disastrous Lebanese adventure and with rehabilitating the Likud-ruined economy. But the fact that the summit will at best be convened just four weeks before the rotation is a direct product of the footdragging exertions of the Likud's leader, Yitzhak Shamir, who has had other concerns than helping raise the Palestinian issue in talks with Egypt.

Now, however, the footdragging is Egypt's ploy. The understanding was that the summit would start right after the signing of the *compromis* on Taba; but the Egyptians are making it next to impossible to complete the document before September 10 by continued stonewalling on the election of the three international arbitrators and this week also by backtracking on the already settled method for establishing the parties' respective claims on the ground.

If Egypt's purpose is not actually to scuttle the summit plan altogether, it must realize that Israel will not pay just any price to make it a reality. The sky will not fall if Mr. Peres and Mr. Mubarak stay where they are next week rather than proceed to Alexandria. But grievous harm may as a result be done to any hope of lifting Egypt out of its present isolation in the Arab world—not by scrapping the peace but by expanding it.

Unfortunately, the Egyptians are now doing little but aid and abet those in Israel who have long contended that Cairo's only purpose in concluding the peace was to recover Sinai, including Taba. And who keep insisting that a cold, passive peace, hardly distinguishable from non-belligerence with Egypt is the only kind that can even be contemplated till kingdom come.

Their may indeed be one sensible deduction from the offensive article in the government-sponsored weekly *Al Mawwar* last week by its editor, Makram Mohammed Ahmed. Perhaps, on this occasion, Mr. Ahmed was speaking for someone like Osama el-Baz, Mr. Mubarak's headline adviser, rather than for the Egyptian president himself, who in a communication to Premier Peres had expressly disavowed any thought of setting—as Mr. Ahmed did in his article—preconditions for a summit dialogue. But if so, Mr. Mubarak should lose no time proving that he, and not any adviser of his, is master in his house.

He could do that most effectively at this time by issuing unambiguous orders to his aides to assist rather than block Israeli and American efforts to finish work on the *compromis* by early next week at the latest.

Putting the clock back

IT WILL BE with considerable regret that the vast majority of Israelis, both secular and Orthodox, will turn back their clocks one hour on Saturday night. This will mean a premature farewell to summer. It certainly brings to an end the very pleasant long, late afternoons in which we were able to bask during the 112 enjoyable days of daylight saving time.

In most countries, such enhancement of the quality of life is considered to be reason enough to have daylight saving. Israel being Israel, we have to find rationalizations and cogent arguments about money, to answer those determined opponents of the people enjoying their lives.

One obvious justification is that the minister of energy has already announced that savings in the consumption of electric power this summer amounted to over \$3m. This is no trifling sum in a country scraping the bottom of the barrel as Israel is doing. It is an amount that would be welcomed by the hard-pressed universities, for instance.

One of the most obstinate opponents of daylight saving is regrettably Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz, the minister of interior, the very man responsible according to the law to introduce daylight saving each year. He is now determined to have it no more, claiming, with a certain air of triumph, that the terrible accidents that occurred in the summer were due to driving in the heat because of daylight saving.

Nothing could be more absurd than this contention. For one thing, it has not been proved that hot weather causes accidents. But even if there is some basis for such a supposition, it can make no difference whether the hottest hours of the day are called 10 to 4 or 11 to 5.

Observant Jews—some of them of Rabbi Peretz's constituency—who have, like everyone else, enjoyed daylight saving time, without violating any religious commandments, should be the first to tell Rabbi Peretz that his argument is all poppycock, and that they are looking forward to daylight saving next summer, and the summers after.

POSTSCRIPTS

P.S. COCKROACHES, which for years have been considered just disgusting, can cause serious health problems for asthmatics and allergy-prone children, according to a U.S. physician.

Speaking at the American Academy of Allergy and Immunology's recent convention in New

Orleans, allergist Elsie Morris said skin irritations, red eyes and wheezing are typical allergic reactions to the indomitable cockroach.

Morris said the discovery came while she was trying to find out what was causing allergic reactions among poor urban children. Roaches were the cause of the reactions in 47 per cent of the cases she studied.

IT IS ironic that Prime Minister Shimon Peres seems to have had an easier time getting to meet the chairman of the Arab League, King Hassan of Morocco, than President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt. A question mark has been hanging over the summit planned to take place in Alexandria on September 10—the convenient excuse of the Taba problem being cited as the reason.

Taba has been "a matter of just one word" for three months now. In the first week of June, Peres himself said that "Taba is 90 per cent resolved. Unfortunately," he continued, "the last 10 per cent is populated by lawyers." Nevertheless, the prime minister was optimistic that it would be only a matter of days before agreement on arbitration was reached.

Peres's optimism was not based on wishful thinking (as some claimed), but was shared by both Israeli and American negotiators. In the third week of June, a key neutral participant in the talks said that Taba "is all wrapped up—every dot, comma and detail." But, he added, with astute foresight, "the acceptance of the document is, of course, ultimately a political decision that rests, in the final analysis, with the Egyptians."

THE REASON Taba remained an issue was that the Egyptians wanted it to be an issue. It wasn't a case of Taba holding up the summit, but of Mubarak's hesitancy over a summit with Peres holding up Taba.

That Egypt has failed to come up with the name of a single acceptable arbitrator and has rejected every one of the 40 candidates Israel has proposed, is not a matter of chance, but of policy. The same applies to the

The summit: Mubarak's hands are tied

HIRSH GOODMAN / Defence Correspondent

even more transparent argument over the size and shape of the markers to be used in mapping the border.

There is, of course, the possibility that the Egyptians are using the summit as a lever for squeezing every last concession it can on Taba. But it is hardly likely that Mubarak would jeopardize Egypt's strategic interests (especially given the shutting presence of U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy in the region) for whatever marginal benefit is to be gained from protracting the debate of the deaf on Taba.

THE CAUSE of Mubarak's last-minute show of cold feet over the summit with Peres was not to be found in, or explained by, Taba. The reasons are obviously far more complex than that and include an intricate package of considerations, ranging from internal problems to Egypt's place in the Arab world. He is also faced with internal political opposition, as manifested by Osama

al-Baz, who has been described as "Mubarak's Shamir." Al-Baz is reportedly responsible for the retention of Taba's centrality as a source of conflict between Egypt and Israel. To be used simultaneously as a bridge to the Arab world and as an obstacle to normalization—both courses that he considers in Egypt's best interests.

Obviously, the planned summit was not originally intended to be just a "give-away" to Peres less than 40 days before the rotation, but a meeting of substance. Hence the complications in getting it off the ground. Just how complicated the issues are has been clearly illustrated by the flurry of diplomatic activity on the periphery of the summit this past week—Weizman to Europe, Hussein to Egypt, Murphy to Israel, Egypt and Jordan, and al-Baz to Amman.

FROM SENIOR Israeli policy-makers we have heard that the substance was to have included not only concrete steps towards bilateral nor-

mization following the removal of the Taba problem, but the initiation of a renewed Middle East peace process that would include Jordan and the Palestinians, to be held under the aegis of a mutually acceptable international forum.

Thus, to Peres's and Mubarak's own objective problems in getting the meeting off the ground must be added the complicated agendas of King Hussein, the Palestinians and the superpowers themselves, all of whom were being asked to consider major changes in policy simultaneously with a Peres-Mubarak meeting.

The chances of getting the Jordanian monarch to become actively involved in a process that can only further complicate his already over-complicated life, or the Palestinians to agree to a list of representatives that would be acceptable to Israel (or vice versa) by next Wednesday are slim indeed. Peres has not managed to effect even the slightest crack in these two fronts in the two years he has been prime minister—and not for lack of trying.

Although during this period, there have been signs of movement towards "international participation" by the parties involved, including Jordan, positions on the basic issues remain entrenched, with the Arab participants clearly preferring the perpetuation of the status quo to any real progress.

The reason for the Egyptians and the Jordanians' movement, in the ultimate analysis, can only mean a destabilization of the delicate balance that is keeping their countries at peace in a volatile Arab world, and their shaky regimes intact. The Palestinians, for their part, are

bound by their own too often played incapacity to be politically pragmatic and, Shimon Peres's ideological and political inability to make an offer that "cannot be refused."

Given the realities of the situation, as demonstrated by the Egyptian diplomatic movement towards nowhere this past week, it is clear that the chances of a substantive summit are fast dissipating. Mubarak may perhaps agree to removing the Taba hurdle as a gesture to Shimon Peres on the eve of rotation, but few continue to believe that he will present Peres with a renewed Middle East initiative as a parting gift, or even a significant change on the bilateral level.

WHETHER there is a summit next week, and what will be on the agenda if there is, depends largely on how the Egyptian president assesses his national needs, as opposed to his relations with Israel and, more importantly, America.

There seems to be little incentive for Mubarak to overly improve relations with Israel at this point; and his relations with the U.S. seem relatively secure, almost regardless of whether or not there is a summit.

Given America's situation, vis-à-vis Libya, it is doubtful that Washington would retaliate in any way that would undermine Mubarak's regime—and almost certainly not by cutting the aid package that has become an essential life-line for that regime.

Summit or not, therefore, expectations should not be high. All the ingredients for disappointment are there. The signs for real hope are few.

READERS' LETTERS

AN ENGINEER REMINISCES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Two recent articles called to mind recollections of some of my own engineering experiences. The one was Adek Apfelbaum's article of August 25, "Don't cry for the job if you can't do it right."

That brought back memories of the years 1955 to 1964 when I served under contract to several Israeli government agencies as a consulting engineer ("foreign expert" as I was then called). Time and again, when I remonstrated that something was technically wrong I was told: "Eizenu ze ahret!"—by us (in Israel) it's different—as though the laws of physics, standards of engineering practice, common sense didn't hold here. Water runs uphill, three screws are as good as four and anyway, what could an American know about engineering in Israel. If I suggested it might be a good idea to draw up a plan of action before work started, I was asked: "How can we plan ahead?" meaning, I suppose that since we didn't know what would happen tomorrow, we just had to do everything on the spur of the moment. Now, 22 years later not much has changed.

The second item concerns the media's euphoria over the resumption of diplomatic relations with Cameroon. There's no doubt of the political importance of this event and if it results in a momentum for recognition from other African countries, so much the better. But to tout it as an important economic event is another thing.

I recall, some years back now, after I had retired as Chief Engineer of the Africa Bureau of the U.S. Agency for International Development, I was recalled as a consultant to report on the feasibility of the United States participating in an international fund for the reconstruction of the Trans-Cameroon Railroad. This had been built in 1913 by the Germans when Cameroon was a German colony as part of a planned rail line to span Africa from the Cameroon to Tanganyika. It had nearly 250 curves in less than 150 miles of narrow gauge track between Douala and Yaounde. On my return to Washington to submit my report, the customs officer at Dulles Airport asked what I had bought. My answer

was: "When you're in Cameroon, all you buy is a ticket back home."

Aside from hardwood trees and undeveloped deposits of bauxite Cameroon has no exportable natural resources. Some large, French-run estates grow cash crops: bananas and other tropical fruits for export—hardly items Israel is likely to import. The CFA franc, Cameroon's currency, is tied to the French franc and the country's finances are tightly controlled by France which, therefore, is its main trading partner. Most development and construction projects are carried out by French contractors, some of whom are even incorporated in Cameroon. France is hardly likely to welcome competition from another country.

So, important as Cameroon's embassy in Israel may be politically, let's not get carried away over its future economic importance. Too many Israeli commercial ventures in Africa have been disasters. Remember, for example, the Black Star shipping line in Ghana and Israel's ill-fated love affair with Idi Amin of Uganda. We don't need to throw away more Israeli taxpayer's money to bail out Solel Boneh and other investors' losses in Africa.

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Beersheba.

POPULATION DISPERSAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In reference to Pinhas Landau's article of August 25, "Public purse snatchers," it would seem that crowding the coastal strip and leaving the hinterland bare have lost their security aspect and are now the "in" thing to do.

Likewise, normal business practice should eliminate the enormous transport costs from development towns to ports and back again, and crowd the coastal region, thereby becoming competitive.

It was Ben-Gurion who first found dispersion of the population to be the necessary policy for Israel. What makes that now obsolete?

Mayan Baruch.
Pinhas Landau comments: It hasn't worked.

AUSCHWITZ'S LESSON FOR CHRISTIANS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — After reading MK Chaima Grossman's views about "Church annexation" of the camps (August 1), a German Protestant might feel tempted to duck and avoid involvement. However, this is not a possibility for any Christian in face of a "campaign to convert the Jewish victims of the Holocaust to Christianity, after their death."

Although I am neither a Pole nor a Roman Catholic, I feel that Auschwitz is an inheritance shared by all Christians because of the imponderable weight of guilt. It was the solid Christian tradition from the earliest days that eventually led to Auschwitz. There is no escape from this, we have to live with it and none of us can ignore any "Christian action" such as the one envisaged for Auschwitz.

Auschwitz has a sadly unique sanctity for the Jews. Allusions to Christian victims' souls saved and Jewish ones not (yet) saved, can only make one cry. This kind of Christianity means bigotry of the worse kind. Did Auschwitz change nothing for the Christians?

After Auschwitz, either Christians stop promulgating divine decisions on the Jews' earthly or heavenly fate and tend to their own righteousness in the sight of God, thus reshaping a basic tenet of our faith—or, ecclesiastical arrogance and domineering continue, thus confirming what Elie Wiesel reportedly said in an unpublished talk with Claire Huchet-Bishop: "Christianity died at Auschwitz." As the American Irving Greenberg wrote: "In the light of the Holocaust, classical Christianity dies to be reborn to new life; or it lives unaffected, to die to God and man."

As a Christian, I can only appeal to all Christians to stop preaching to the Jews. There has been enough preaching to the Jews through the centuries and we can see what it has brought them. Let us hold our peace and give the Jews theirs.

MARTIN KRAFF
Uldingen-Mühlhagen.

ARAB UNIVERSITY WOMEN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In his article of August 13 about Arab women Gershon Gorenberg quotes Eli Rekhess as saying that Israel Arab women began reaching the universities "only in the late 60s" and that "Christian women blazed the trail" with women from the "larger Moslem community coming only later."

The first Arab woman student to attend the Hebrew University came to the campus at the end of the 50s, not the 60s. She was Huda, eldest daughter of the late Moslem, not Christian, MK Mahmoud el-Nashif, from Taba village.

Since the article mentions Kaf Kara, it is worth mentioning that 65 women students from this village attend the Hebrew University today.

GIDEON WEIGERT
Jerusalem.

DUNDALK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The name of the town Dundalk in Ireland was probably unknown to most of your readers until they read about the recent violence there between Catholics and Protestants.

However, to the members of the ZOA Drama Circle, who have represented Israel on three occasions at the Dundalk International Drama Festival, the name and people of

Dundalk are synonymous with friendliness and warmth.

It is a pity that the maxim "good news is no news" is as true here as anywhere else. The genuine openness and hospitality extended by the people of Dundalk to the Israeli and other visiting teams was simply marvellous. Perhaps in the columns of your paper, we can help redress the distorted image of Dundalk.

IAN MORLEY
Tel Aviv.

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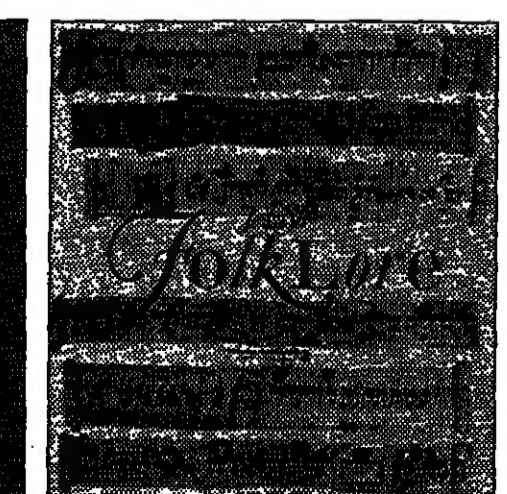
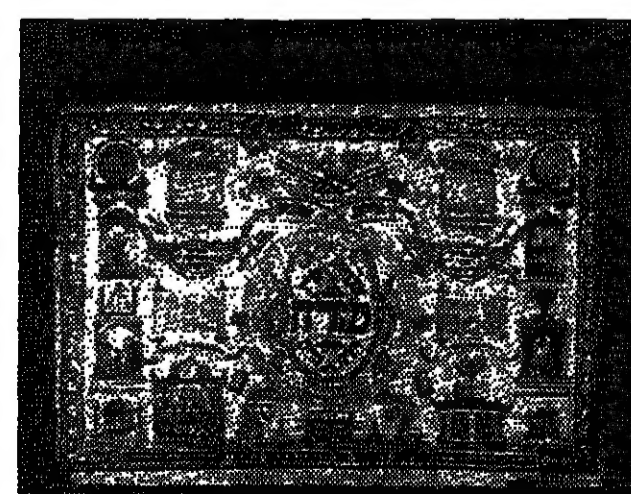
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